

Romulus Roman



Crime numbers decline

Community and police are united against crime

By EVON SAJKOVIC
ANP Staff Writer

Crime statistics for the Romulus Police Department indicate a significant reduction in criminal activity during the past five years.

partment and at one time we were in an adversarial role which can make the task of law enforcement very difficult," he said.

Adding to the difficulty of providing law enforcement for the city is the vast number of transients that go through the area.

"It was once estimated that 1 1/2 million people use the airport every month and that does not include the many strangers to Romulus that come by roadways," Wilmoth said.

Of the many programs implemented by the department, one of the most successful was the neighborhood crime watch which, according to Wilmoth, resulted in a almost instant decrease in crime activity.

One of the newer programs that the department hopes will yield successful results is DARE, Drug Awareness Recognition Education, which requires sending a uniformed police officer into local schools to educate fifth and sixth graders about the dangers of drugs.

The officer involved in the program, John Smagner, attended an 80-hour training session at the police academy in Lansing to learn how to help youngsters cope with peer pressure and how to inform them of the dangers of drug abuse.

"We spend much of our time with them (the fifth and sixth graders) because we have to, they are the future," said Wilmoth.

The fifth and sixth graders were chosen as the target audience for the program because they are old enough to understand what is being taught and hopefully too young to have gotten involved in drugs already, he said.

The program, which is currently in use in 34 other states, will be 17 weeks long and will be available at the Barth, Wick, Hayti, and Beacon Elementary schools beginning the week of Sept. 19.

"I look forward to it being a very successful drug prevention program," Smagner said. "It is programs such as these and a lot of community involvement that help us to keep the crime numbers reasonable," Wilmoth said.

FIVE YEAR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Part I Crimes					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Murder	2	2	4	2	3
Negligent Homicide	0	2	1	4	0
Rape	22	20	30	50	41
Robbery	55	74	68	76	66
Assault	117	199	163	148	141
Burglary	602	610	528	661	522
Larceny	1233	1357	1258	1164	1314
Automobile Theft	259	409	290	439	397
Arson	33	50	61	55	35
Total	2323	2723	2403	2599	2519

Part II Crimes					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Assault	404	494	468	591	441
Forgery	5	1	1	4	6
Fraud	79	64	55	109	108
Embezzlement	1	6	6	14	5
Poss. Stolen Property	110	86	100	62	46
MDOP	536	628	689	805	693
Weapons	12	12	8	29	16
Sex Offenders	29	19	26	16	12
Narcotics	39	56	75	69	98

* Chart provided courtesy of Romulus Police Department. Some Part II crimes and totals were omitted due to a lack of space.

Emergency phone system on line in '89

By EVON SAJKOVIC
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Romulus residents may have an emergency 911 telephone system at their disposal by the beginning of next year.

a regional, advanced 911 program. In the program, public safety officials will be able to detect where the call is being made within the city. Residents will simply dial 9-1-1 to request emergency police or fire department services.

"Getting the address immediately is crucial in crime prevention or in an emergency situation," said Romulus Chief of Police Charles Wilmoth.

This 911 system also helps in emergencies in which the caller is too panicked to give a name and address or when a small child - who does not know his or her address - makes the phone call.

"This 911 system will also help us to screen out crank calls, which often prevent officers from being at real crime or emergency scenes," said Lt. Robert Brown, of the Romulus Police Department.

Brown was instrumental in securing city council approval of the 911 program.

Despite the many advantages of the new phone plan, Wilmoth and Brown are still concerned about the operation of the program in non-emergency situations. Their concerns still must be addressed and resolved, they said.

Funding for the system will be more costly than the current police-department dispatcher system. However, Brown said, the extra costs will be worth the investment if lives and property can be saved.

Task force in search of funding for AIDS group-homes research

By EVON SAJKOVIC
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The Southeast Michigan Infectious Disease Task Force of Saratoga Hospital has requested a federal grant to fund research that will determine the feasibility of AIDS group homes in the area.

A prospective project outline done by the task force suggests that a 25-unit apartment complex be the AIDS site designated for Wayne County with five each in River Rouge, Trenton, Inkster, Dearborn and Romulus.

Whether a new complex would be built or an old one used has not, as yet, been decided since the proposal is still in the planning stage.

Through this proposal, the task force members plan to

eventually be able to implement a group home in each county-community in this area so that the needs of the growing AIDS population are met in an outpatient manner.

Each site is also to have a medical-treatment office in order to provide quick medical attention for patients, according to the report filed by the task force.

Members of SEMCOG, the regional clearinghouse planning committee, in reviewing

the federal grant application determined that the task force is proposing "an ambitious solution to the problem of a lack of medically supported facilities for in-home AIDS care."

SEMCOG placed several conditions on the task force including a stipulation that public health officials from each county be placed on the task force.

SEMCOG has also suggested that existing medical sites be

used rather than residential homes or apartments.

"This is a unique problem that everyone is concerned about," said Richard Plaff, SEMCOG coordinator for regional reviews.

The matter was discussed at the Sept. 5 Romulus City Council meeting at which time council members decided that it was essential for local governments and members of the community to take part in the decision making process.

"I feel it is important for local governments to have a say in what goes on in their communities," Mayor Beverly McAnally said.

"It is not fair for communities to have to accept something they do not want, nor is it healthy for AIDS Patients to be thrust into an unfriendly environment," she said.

Council members were not asked for any formal decision on the matter but were informed that their future involvement would be essential.

Local business, artists united

By EVON SAJKOVIC
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One year ago, in an effort to bring together local businesses and the arts, Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally founded "Art in the Workplace".

Art in the Workplace is an extension of the Romulus Arts Council members whose main objective is to introduce various art forms to the community and to promote artists and their craft.

"Our goal is to bridge the gap between the art community and local businesses," said John Percy, Chairman of the Art in the Workplace Committee.

The program involves picking 12 young artists from the local school district and featuring their work at local business for a period of one year.

The artist this month is Allan Reyes from Romulus. Reyes, who is a 1987 graduate of Romulus High School, was pick last year as the young artist and has

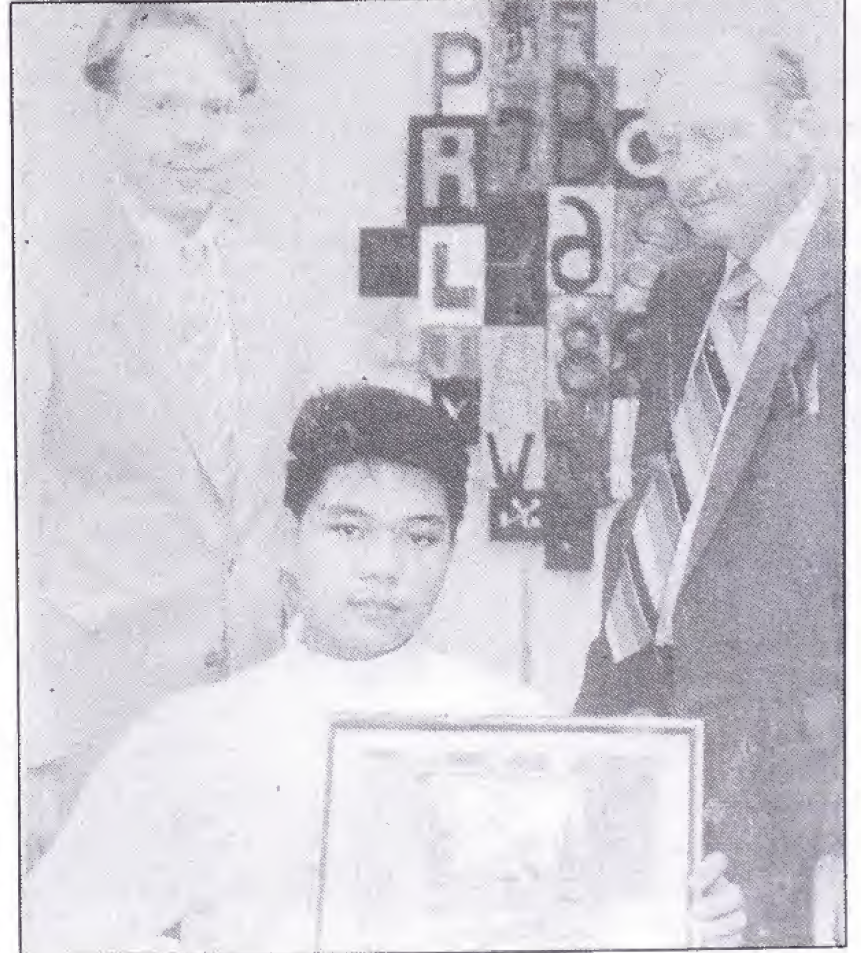
The arts council is also involved in many other programs in an effort to bring the arts closer to the community.

For example, the Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair has been set for Sept. 17 in the parking lot of the Romulus City Hall.

Artisans from as far away as Texas have come together to show off their ceramics, wood works, silk flower arrangements, handmade rugs, grapevine wreaths, paintings, pottery and much more.

Entertainment for days event will consist of a chalk walk for children from 10 a.m. to noon with prizes for all who participate, from noon to 3 p.m. Header Products, a local business, will sponsor a carousel band wagon. There will also be demonstrations in oil painting, jazz instrument playing and a folk dancing workshop.

"This fair is our biggest one ever, who hope it to be a great success," said Percy.



Young artist Allan Reyes is pictured with John Percy, Chairman of Art in the Workplace and school superintendent Bill Bedell.

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Senior picnic plans are set

A picnic for senior citizens is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 in Edward Hines Park.

The picnic will feature food, entertainment, door prizes and "many surprises," according to officials from Wayne County, sponsor of the event.

County officials hope the picnic will build better relations and a continued spirit of cooperation among the senior groups in Wayne County.

For more information on how to participate or on the Wayne County senior nutrition program, call 453-2525, p14116f8

Waste education program funded

A new agreement between the Wayne County Intermediate School District and the Wayne County Department of Public Works will teach local students everything they ever wanted to know about waste management.

Begun last year as a pilot program in the WCISD, a program teaching students about the fundamentals of waste management recently received funding in the amount of \$5,000 from a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant, to be matched by WCISD.

The program, county officials said, will provide funding for the development of a curriculum related to waste management issues and concerns. The pilot program was developed at Riverview Elementary School, in Riverview.

Airport keeps post office

The U.S. Postal Service and authorities at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport have reached a lease agreement which will allow a post office at L.C. Smith Terminal Building to remain open.

A recently negotiated lease agreement gives the U.S. Postal Service 72 square feet for a satellite post office, covering a period from Jan. 1, 1987, through Sept. 30, 1987, when the space was occupied without a formal lease.

"You can't give away space," said Morey Roach, a committee clerk for the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. "It's recovery of funds. The current lease is going back to cover the original time period."

Roach did not know how much the post office was being charged for the space.

Health department lease in Westland?

Officials from the Wayne County Department of Health and Community Health Awareness Group is requesting a lease agreement that would place the administrative activities of the department in Westland.

The health department is seeking a lease agreement for Room 212, on the second floor of D Building, located in the Wayne County Complex, 30712 Michigan Ave., Westland.

From staff reports



Safety first

Local adult crossing guard supervisors recently attended a Wayne County seminar to begin an attack on a growing, statewide young pedestrian safety problem. While 5-to 19-year-olds make up 24 percent of the state population, they are involved in 43 percent of the pedestrian traffic deaths and injuries, according to AAA of Michigan officials. To reduce those statistics, AAA officials staged safety and training education seminars for local students, including Julie N. Thomas (above), a Hoover Elementary School student, and Belleville Police Chief Willard Dockett, demonstrating adult guard equipment. With them is Robert Orse (right), AAA safety and traffic education consultant. Special photo to ANP

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WHAT MAKES A PREGNANCY HIGH RISK?
Many medical conditions during pregnancy, or problems with the developing baby make the pregnancy at risk for a less than optimal outcome.

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By Randall T. Kelly, M.D.
Seek prenatal care early. Visit your prenatal care health practitioner regularly. Many potential problems can be identified, prevented or controlled.

CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS CAN STRESS THE FETUS
Pregnancy stresses every woman's body, but the risks of complications during pregnancy are especially high among women with existing health problems.

Although most women see their regular obstetrician throughout their pregnancy, women who have conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or being over 30, should consult their obstetrician early. Even better, they should discuss pregnancy with their obstetrician before they are pregnant.

If the obstetrician feels a referral for more advanced care is necessary, the woman may be referred to a specialist in high risk pregnancy.

WHAT IS MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE OR PERINATOLOGY?
Perinatologists are specialists who have received advanced training in treating complicated pregnancies.

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Oakwood Canton Health Center	459-7030
Oakwood Health Center-Taylor	295-2400
Oakwood-PCHA Health Center-Trenton	479-1420
Oakwood Westland Health Center	525-1922
Oakwood Health Information Center, Fairlane Town Center-Dearborn	593-4660
Oakwood's Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy Center-Dearborn	278-7800

Olympic torch to pass through area

By TERRY JACOBY
ANP Staff Writer

The U.S. Olympic Torch Relay will be heading through Inkster, Wayne, Westland and the Plymouth area this weekend, as residents receive a chance to see history in the making.

The torch, which is the actual one used in the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, will be carried by more than 1,500 people and travel 217 kilometers. This particular leg of the relay begins at the Toledo Hilton and ends at Hart Plaza at approximately 4:45 p.m. Saturday.

"This really is a piece of history," said John Rogin, the Buick sponsor for the torch run and owner of John Rogin Buick, in Wayne.

"Something like this may never come around again, and it is probably one of the most hair-raising, patriotic things anyone will ever see. We have been fortunate to allow us a chance to show this pride and patriotism."

The relay team will head west down Michigan Avenue. It is expected to pass through Inkster at approximately 5:30 p.m. Friday and should reach the Wayne City Hall at 6.

The relay will continue down Wayne Road, before heading west on Plymouth Road.

The second day will cover the Birmingham and St. Clair Shores area, before finishing up at Hart plaza. Most radio

stations in the area, including WWJ and WJOL, will provide updates on where the torch is.

"We made an all-out pitch to sponsor this event, and everyone involved is very proud," Rogin said. "We want to show the Olympic people that this area has a lot of pride."

"Detroit is the greatest sports city in the world, and I think we should be considered as a future site to host the Olympic Games. And this is one way to show people how enthusiastic we are about athletics," Rogin said.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 1988

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hamilton at 7:30 p.m. Present: Hamilton, Dudick, Foster, Heifner, Hudson and O'Brien. Absent: Kuchta (Excused). Others in attendance: Chief McNally, Deputy Clerk Tadrick and audience of twelve.

PUBLIC HEARING was held on HLF Furniture's Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, which would provide partial exemption from ad valorem real property taxes for a period of up to twelve (12) years. Proposed facility is 63,000 sq. ft. to be used for manufacturing of office furniture at the S.E. corner of Van Born and Sheldon Roads. HLF currently employs sixty people and they anticipate twenty to thirty new jobs.

Mr. Bechtel, President of HLF, gave background information on his company which has been in business 14 years and presented a drawing of the proposed new facility to be completed within 6 to 9 months from start of construction. There being no further comments or questions the Public Hearing was adjourned.

MINUTES: Motion Foster, support Heifner to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 1988, as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Dudick, support Hudson to approve the Agenda, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Motion Dudick, support Hudson to approve request from United Foundation Torch Drive to conduct their Annual Campaign October 17 through November 10, 1988. Carried.

Motion Foster, support Heifner that request from the Police Benevolent Fund to hold a Christmas Party, for underprivileged children, in the large conference hall December 17, 1988, be approved. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion Foster, support Hudson to approve a twelve year 50% Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for HLF Furniture in Industrial Development District #14, based on criteria as established in Tax Abatement Guidelines. Yeas: Hamilton, Dudick, Foster, Heifner, Hudson and O'Brien. Nays: None. Absent: Kuchta. Motion Carried.

Motion Foster, support O'Brien to approve rezoning of property located on east side of Beck Road between Ayres and Tyler, Item #16B2a2b from RM (Multiple Family) to M-1 (Light Industrial), as recommended by Van Buren and Wayne County Planning Commissions. Yeas: Hamilton, Dudick, Foster, Heifner, Hudson, and O'Brien. Nays: None. Absent: Kuchta. Motion Carried.

Motion Heifner, support Foster to reimburse Mark O'Brien \$3400 for installation of sewer lead and refer \$155 Permit Fees back to the Water & Sewer Commission for further evaluation. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Motion Foster, support Hudson to approve Voucher List as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Police/Ordinance (May, June and July) and September Days Senior (July) Reports were ordered received and filed. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fire Department and Police Department were commended on their professionalism in handling the fire which occurred at Harbor Club September 5th. Chief McNally directed to send Letters of Appreciation to City of Belleville, City of Romulus and Ypsilanti Township for their assistance and Hardees's who supplied food and drinks.

Joel Duda complimented the Board for their commitment to the community on environmental issues in funding the position of Waste Management Director and the hiring of Mr. Delhagen. Trustee Hudson recommended that at budget time the Waste Manager Position be extended beyond the original one year for funding.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Hudson, support O'Brien to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Carried.

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Curr Manufacturing has open house

Curr Manufacturing, the producer of consumable products for dental professionals and industrial laboratories, had its first open house since the early '70's Monday.

The open house, which was staged Sept. 11 provided a day of food, fun and entertainment for all employees and their families.

The day-long events included clowns, magicians, prizes, entertainment by 'Just Us' and a host of foods to choose from.

The event brought together more than 11,000 people and gave employees the opportunity to share with their families their work environment.

Officials at Curr stated that the event was a great success and that they would consider doing it again.

Clarification in Senior Center news

All classes for the Senior Center in Romulus have begun including knitting and crocheting on Monday mornings with ceramics offered in the evening. On Tuesdays, Club One meets and Wednesday afternoons there is bingo. On Thursday mornings there is needlepoint and a new exercise class developed especially for seniors. There is also the continuous nutritional hot lunch provided every week day. For information about the menu and to make reservations please call Pat at 942-6852.

Firefighters softball tournament

The firefighters that participated in rescue efforts after the crash of flight 255 are sponsoring a softball tournament on Sept. 17 and 18. All proceeds generated from the tournament will be donated to the Flight 255-Their Spirit Lives On Committee for the construction of a permanent memorial. Participating teams will represent fire departments from all over Wayne County. Personnel from the sponsoring departments are currently soliciting contributions to help defray operating costs of the tournament and to establish a substantial donation to the memorial committee. Those wishing to contribute to the fund can make their check or money orders payable to the Metro Airport Firefighters Fund L. C. Smith Terminal Mezzanine Detroit, MI 48242.

Rehabilitation loan program

Business owners and residents can now take advantage of the '312' Rehabilitation Loan Program to upgrade structures in the city. Funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to make low-interest loans available for commercial and residential improvements. More information is available by calling Jeff Martell, housing rehabilitation planner at 942-7492.

Fall youth activities planned

Saturday youth bowling leagues will begin Sept. 24 at the Romulus Lanes. The league starts at noon. Call the bowling alley to register at 941-1640.

A mini youth archery league is scheduled at Elmer Johnson Park from Sept. 17 to Oct. 15. The class is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. with a fee of \$20.

Compiled by Evon Sajkovic



Talking a bite out of crime

The Romulus Police Department gets some crime fighting help from their friend McGruff. In an effort to increase crime prevention awareness the group has traveled to events all over Romulus like this one at this years St. Aloysius Day Festival. Pictured at left are McGruff and helpers Eddie King and officer John Smagner. Below are Christine Fortune, Susan Hamel and Eddie King having a chat with McGruff while officers (bottom-right) Charlie King and Tim Walker watch over a display containing various "tools" of the crime trade. ANP photos by Evon Sajkovic



Aid for farmers affected by drought

By EVON SAJKOVIC
ANP Staff Writer

Last month Governor James Blanchard declared a state of emergency for draught-stricken farmers in the state of Michigan.

A hot line was established by the state agricultural department in an effort to help answer the many questions that farmers may have about grants, financial aid and other re-

sources that may be available to them.

"We realize that there is a problem throughout the state and we are trying to provide aid for those in need of it," said Margaret Leduc, emergency preparedness coordinator for the city of Romulus.

The new programs are designed to assist farmers with livestock as well as those who have suffered loss of crops. Farmers with livestock may

qualify for free feed in order to help maintain operations at their current level.

Farmers who wish to receive a grant must show a 35 percent loss of crops at time of harvest in order to qualify.

"Most of the provisions made will be after harvest because that is the only way that we can determine a true loss," said Ed Renkie, emergency services coordinator for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Bike-A-Thon to help fund research

By EVON SAJKOVIC
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The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced the annual Bike-A-Thon in Romulus to help earn money for research.

The Bike-A-Thon will be in the Romulus City Hall parking lot Oct. 1.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas.

The center opened to the public in 1962 with the intention of fighting catastrophic diseases that afflict children.

All findings and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and

hospitals all over the world. Research is focused on such diseases as sickle-cell anemia, Hodgkin's disease and leukemia.

The Bike-A-Thon program this year is dedicated to Brian McCollister of Louisiana who was diagnosed with as having leukemia in October, 1984.

Since his diagnosis, Brian has visited St. Jude every six weeks for treatment and every 12 weeks for a bone marrow test and spinal tap to make sure his cancer remains in remission.

The Bike-A-Thon gives healthy children the opportunity to help those that are not as fortunate, said Richard Martz, coordinator of the Bike-A-Thon.

The children participating in the Bike-A-Thon program are to find sponsors who will donate a specified amount for every mile the child rides with all proceeds going into the St. Jude Research fund.

Prizes such as certificates, T-shirts and tote bags will be distributed to participants of the Bike-A-Thon.

As a special treat for participants, Martz has arranged for Detroit Drive kicker Novo Bo-

jovic to be on hand for the festivities.

"This is my first time as coordinator and I'm having a lot of fun with it," said Martz.

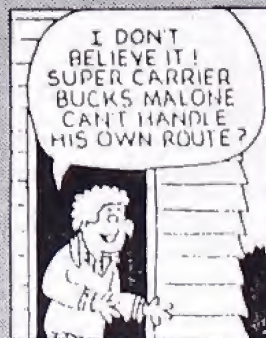
Registration forms for those wishing to participate in the Bike-A-Thon will be made available at all public school general offices.



Bike-A-Thon poster patient Brian McCollister has been helped by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Lunch menus set for area schools

The main lunch item for the next week at elementary schools in the Van Buren School District is as follows: Wednesday, chicken pot pie and soup and crackers; Thursday, shaved turkey on sub bun with lettuce and tomato; Friday, pizza; Monday, stuffed pizza; Tuesday, waffles and syrup, sausage patties and vegetable stix; Wednesday, Sept. 21, chicken patty on a bun and soup and crackers; Thursday, Sept. 22, bologna on sub bun with tomato and cheese and bag of potato chips; Friday, Sept. 23, pizza and tossed salad.

Main lunch items for the middle schools and high school for the week include: Wednesday, chili dog on bun or taco salad in tortilla shell; Thursday, pizza or hammy-sammy submarine; Friday, fish on bun or coney island footlong; Monday, barbecue on bun or chopped steak sub; Tuesday, burrito or double cheeseburger; Wednesday, Sept. 21, grilled cheese sandwich or pizza submarine; Thursday, Sept. 22, pizza or shaved breast of turkey with lettuce and tomato on a croissant; Friday, Sept. 23, taco or roasted sausage on bun.

Military staff head to college

Wayne County Community College recently became the first southeast Michigan member of a national network of colleges and universities at which mobile military personnel may earn credits for a college degree.

The school has been granted membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, a civilian-military partnership created in the early 1970s to allow military servicemembers to overcome geographic and institutional obstacles to completing a college education.

Recognizing that mobility makes it unlikely that a servicemember can complete all degree program requirements at one institution, SOC facilities design transfer practices to minimize loss of credit of servicemembers and to avoid duplication of the course work, while maintaining academic integrity.

The school received notification of the SOC designation in July.

Romulus school 'goes national'

Cory Elementary School has been named a member of the American Student Council Association. The school recently became a new member and received a certificate of membership.

Students are elected each year to the student council in the school. Elections this year will be staged Nov. 8.

Huron adult program begins

Huron Adult Education registration continues from 4 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 30 at Huron High School, in the adult education office.

Compiled by THOMAS M. VARCIE



Members of the Class of 2000 at St. Anthony's School, in Belleville, are ready to take on a new challenge this year - first grade. ANP photo by Joan Mary Dyer

Class of 2000 First grade means new challenges

By JOAN MARY DYER
Belleville City Editor

During the first week of the new term, the Class of 2000 at St. Anthony's School in Belleville studied how to "read, learn and be good."

The class illustrated their reading skills by reciting "God loves me" and "God knows me" from their textbooks - after just two days in the classroom.

The youngsters have adjusted well to attending school for a full day, according to their teacher, Judith Rausch. Recess time on the playground helps the youngsters to make it through the day without becoming too restless, she said.

In 1987, the youngsters made up the first class at St. Anthony's to take part in the new K-through-8 curriculum and the first kindergartners in the school to use computers. Last year, the youngsters played with word games, toys and "stick-ems" and this term they

are settling down to reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic - all of which the youngsters agree is "fun." In addition, they will be continuing their computer training in the newly completed computer room, according to Sr. Denise Seymour, principal.

Last year, when the Class of 2000 began kindergarten, Brannon Baker was sure his education would lead to his becoming a cowboy after graduation, Jennifer DeBuck aspired to be a nurse and Mary Sander had her eye on a teaching position.

After one year has passed, Brannon is still sure he will be a cowboy, but Jennifer is thinking of opting the role of homemaker - "be a mommy" - and nine more students have decided that they would like to be teachers.

In addition to Brannon's commitment to the life of a cowboy, Matt Pegowskie is committed to serve in the Army.

"When you come back next year, I won't change my mind," Matt said. "I'll still want to be in the Army."

Stephanie Pryce, who decided to be a nurse in kindergarten, switched her career goal to "cowgirl" in the first few days of the first grade. Emily Jablonski plans to be "a security guard like my Mom."

Also setting their sights on future career goals are Matthew Sampson, jet pilot; Kevin Salisbury, police officer; Beth Conroy, cowgirl; Michael Blum, pilot or spaceman; Joseph Gatney, "train man," and Kristen Klett, veterinarian.

Eric Meyer remembered a story about a sailor in one of his textbooks and has decided that he would like to be "a ship man like the man in the book."

Editor's note: The Enterprise plans to follow the Class of 2000 through the grades to check on their process and plans for the future.

Seniors returning to leisure classes

Not just youngsters are returning to school this fall - it's time for grandma and grandpa to sign up for special courses and activities, too.

Classes for senior citizens begin the week of Sept. 19 at September Days Senior Center. Registration must be made prior to the beginning of classes.

Among the classes offered by the Van Buren Public School are needlecraft, Mondays, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; ceramics, Mon-

days, 2 to 4:30 p.m.; oil painting, Tuesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.; sewing, Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.; today's world, Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m.; leathercraft, Wednesday, 9 to 11 a.m.; foods, Wednesdays, 1:05 to 4:37 p.m.; music, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to

noon; woodworking, Thursdays, 1 to 4:45 p.m., and upholstery, Fridays, 1 to 4:45 p.m.

Swimming classes also are scheduled at Belleville High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays and bowling is slated at Lodge Lanes on Fridays between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Student dress code stressed in schools

During the summer break life was casual and informal, but now that the 1988-89 school semester has begun Belleville High School administrators are reminding students that proper attire is required.

Administrators said they believe "proper dress continues to contribute to improved student attitude and deportment" at the high school.

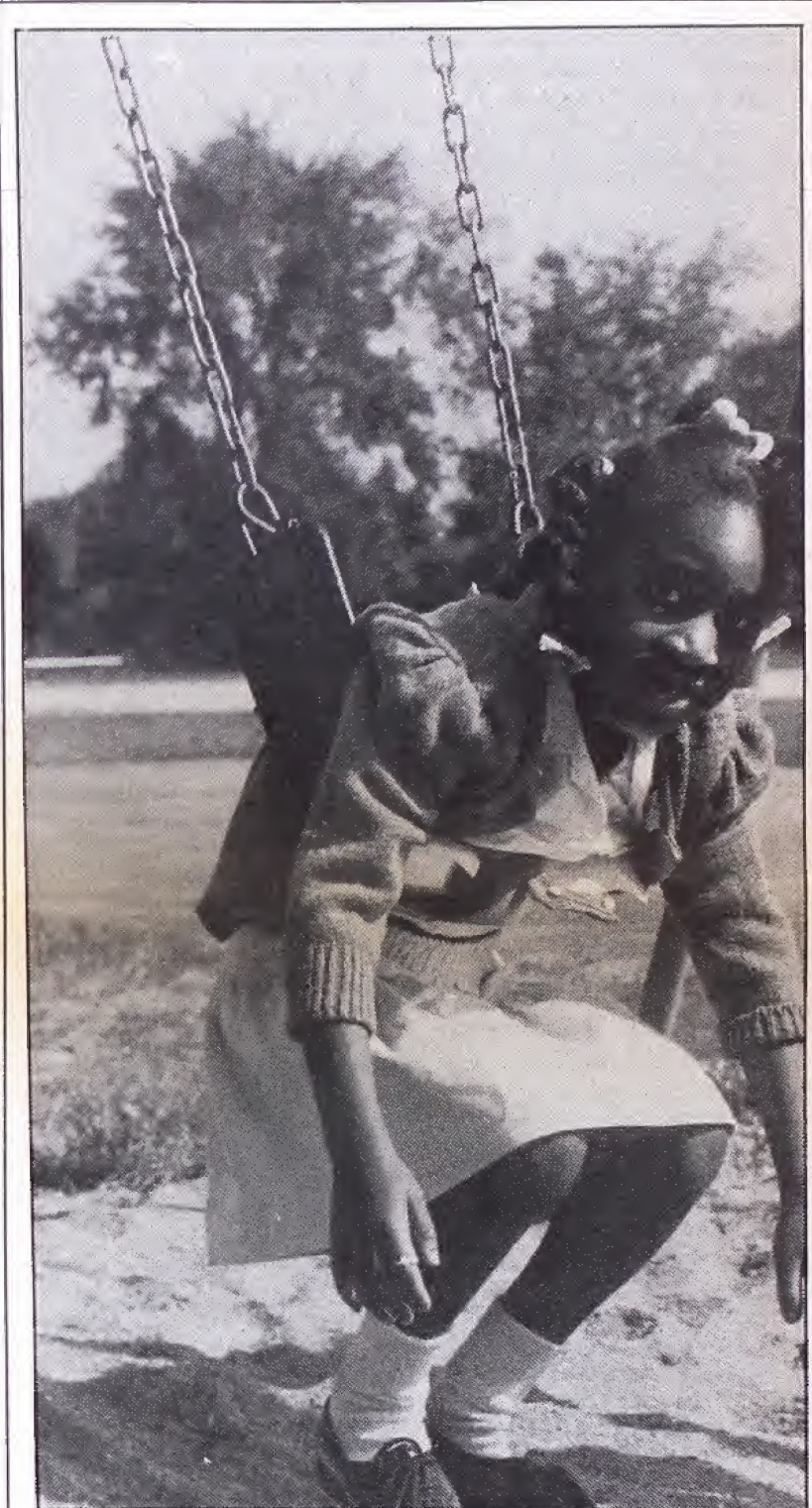
Students at BHS, as well as those attending the middle schools, are not allowed to wear hats or sun glasses inside the building and "half-shirts (bare midriffs), short shorts, tank tops, spandex sportswear or athletic equipment" cannot be worn to school.

Radios, tapedecks, beepers and "Walkman-type" radios also are not permitted inside the high school or middle schools. Banned items will be

confiscated if brought inside the school buildings, and the parents of the student who brings them in must visit the school to request that they be returned.

BHS continues to be a closed campus with students required to remain in the building - including during the lunch period - until the end of their school day unless they check out through the office.

Student attendance at after school activities - practices, meetings, dances, football games, etc. - is voluntary, but school administrators consider it as "an extension of the school programs." Therefore, they said, inappropriate behavior will be dealt with in the same manners as if the same incident happened during the school day.



Hanging around

The homework, the books, the teachers... There is no doubt about it. School is definitely in session for students in the Romulus Community School District. The mere thought can be overwhelming. Just ask Mychael Gaines (above), 4. Gaines is a student at Cory Elementary School, in Romulus. She is also tired of swinging the "conventional way" and opted to try a new style Friday. ANP photo by Ann Grimes/staff photographer

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Gone fishin'

Plenty of area residents could have hung the "gone fishin'" sign on their front doors Sunday, as they participated in the Gone Fishing event, sponsored by the Wayne County Parks Department. Staged in the cools water near Hines Park, the event attracted fishermen from around the area for one last chance to try their luck. Intrigued with the idea of fishing in western Wayne County was Michael Nadolski (above), 8. He caught the biggest fish, measuring 7 1/2 inches. And that's no fish tale! ANP photo by Debbie Pountney

County unveils park proposal

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Calling it a blueprint for the county park system, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara Tuesday unveiled a 10-year 'Master Plan' to upgrade and maintain county parks.

"With the information we have from a two-year study, we know the citizens of Wayne County want to see their parks and what direction we are heading."

Meeting with the press and a handful of environmentalists from the Westland-based 'Friends of Holliday Park', McNamara said the Master Plan had given high priority to the renovation, repair, and enhancement of existing facilities, with an eye toward a year-round operation.

To implement the plan, the county executive added he would not rule out a quarter-mill (.25) tax hike. (One mill represents \$1 of property tax for each \$1,000 of state equalized property value).

In the massive plan, compiled by the Ann Arbor-based consulting firm of Johnson, Johnson and Roy, Inc., at a cost of \$150,000, several renovation projects are touched upon, specifically, tennis court resurfacing at Nankin Mills, dam repair at the Middle and Lower Rouge parkway, and new water services at the Elizabeth Park buildings in Trenton.

The press conference, conducted at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights, was also attended by Eric Reickel, director of Parks for the county; Charles F. Leman, representing Vilican-Leman & Associates, Urban Design; and Richard Rigerink, a consultant with Johnson, Johnson & Roy.

Environmentalists who attended the meeting said they were concerned that the county would approve a proposed plan by the city of Westland to turn Holliday Park, preserved for wildlife and considered wetlands, into a golf course. McNamara informed the environmentalists that there is a proposal on the table, but he had not

heard "from the city (Westland) and, as far as I am concerned if I don't hear from them by November the plan is dead."

McNamara did reveal, however, that a plan for a municipal-county golf course in the city of Inkster remains in the works.

"That plan was proposed in 1920, and the county still haven't moved on it," McNamara said.

Consultants worked two years to put together the "Master Plan" and during the course of the study, telephone opinion polls were conducted involving 1,200 households, local recreational facilities were inventoried and area facilities were compared with those state-wide.

Among some of the major findings of the study are as follows:

- Primary public concern centers around:
 1. Keeping the parks well tended;
 2. Open and clean comfort stations;
 3. Police security and more picnic tables.
- Nearly half of all Wayne County residents used a county park during the past year.
- The county parks were rated favorable in terms of facilities, cleanliness and overall quality.
- Financing the parks by charging a use-free is preferred but General Fund appropriations and/or a special park-millage are acceptable to the county residents.

However, McNamara cautioned that, although citizens usually say they support tax increases, when it comes to actually voting for them, they are hesitant.

"When we asked for a mill for the jails," McNamara continued, "there appeared to be overwhelming support. Some 78 percent said they would vote for the hike. However, about 54 percent actually did."

Rigerink warned that the "long term value of the county park system is in jeopardy if we don't replace equipment." He stressed that the 'quality of life' and the ability to attract people to the county is relative

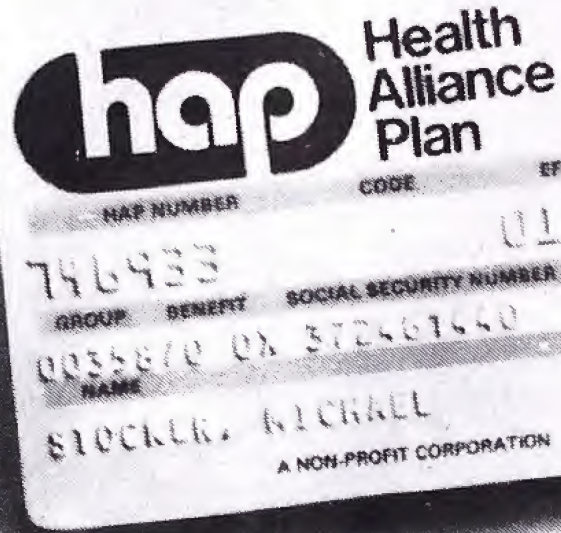
to recreation and parks. Unfortunately, county officials agreed, that the first to suffer when there are cutbacks is recreation.

Reickel said that, "in order to keep the parks up, we need an infusion of dollars. But, I am not looking for a mill in perpetuity. I would not recommend that."

Reickel said he would support a mill on a 10-year plan to help bring the park system to the level of that of neighboring counties.

Further information about the Master Plan may be obtained by telephoning 2610-1990.

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Opinion

Promotion of area is boost to us all

What's in a name? Obviously, quite a bit for residents of "Greater Detroit," the new label given to the southeastern Michigan area.

And appropriately so.

Greater Detroit: A World Technologies Center is the theme of an area-wide marketing campaign developed by the Greater Detroit Marketing Committee. The plan, designed to better sell the area, was unveiled last Wednesday during a joint meeting of officials from throughout the southeastern Michigan region.

We applaud the recent efforts of area lawmakers to band together and discuss regional strategies aimed toward growth and development. It was about time such a meeting of the minds was staged in this area.

Proponents of the Greater Detroit Campaign, who hope the term "southeastern Michigan" is soon replaced by "Greater Detroit," say the world-recognized name of Detroit should be capitalized upon by the communities surrounding the city. That includes western Wayne County, Downriver, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Detroit, group members say, is a spot already on the world map. Southeastern Michigan is known only in specialized social circles, and stepped-up efforts to increase the name recognition of southeastern Michigan would never match the "Detroit" name popularity, they say.

The issue of names for the area, we believe, has put in motion the gears for a true plan of action for our regional future. We often talk, in western Wayne County, about how airport expansion and the I-275 corridor affects our lives. But these changes in our homeland will affect and influence people far beyond the western Wayne boundaries - into Oakland County, Downriver and beyond.

While we are not calling for an end to local, municipal public relations and community development campaigns that promote land and infrastructure, we do ask officials from each community in southeastern Michigan to become diversified in their promotional efforts. The renaming of the area should be a symbol, a symbol of a long-range plan to come.

Today, we urge a true unification of the area, even beyond the ceremonial agreements reached during the summit meeting last Wednesday.

What's in a name?, we ask. Seemingly, quite a bit for those who have launched the progressive Greater Detroit campaign and are touting the many benefits that go with the campaign. But, now, it's time to look beyond that.

What's in a name? Lots. But what's in a complete, structured plan for the future of Greater Detroit - encompassing all of us - is even more impressive.

Schools set example

Officials in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools deserve a pat on the back. They have developed an education program that, someday, will save many, many lives.

They have constructed a smoking policy in their two district high schools that should serve as a model for the surrounding districts.

School administrators require high school students who wish to smoke to obtain a signed permission slip from their parents and wear a "smoking badge" that labels them a smoker. The students are confined to a small area of the school, and smoking without a badge or other violations of the school policy means an automatic five-day suspension.

While it is true that the labeling of students, with smoking badges, is reminiscent of the discrimination days of yesteryear, the stern policy regarding smoking is also setting a fine example for the leaders of tomorrow.

A weighing of the pros and cons of the school policy, clearly, tips the scales in favor of the many positive benefits.

While it should be the ultimate goal of every school district to maintain a smoke-free environment for students and teachers, strict guidelines on limited smoking privileges is a good starting toward achieving that goal.

We applaud Wayne-Westland school officials for their wisdom in developing the policy. And, while we know the die-hard smokers will fight until the end, it is refreshing to see that our children are being raised and values are being taught in a smoke-free environment.



Is all the news really fit to print?

"All the news that's fit to print" is an old rule of journalism that many of us in the newspaper business still live by.

It is a still a matter of judgement as to what constitutes subject matter worthy of the attention of the general public.

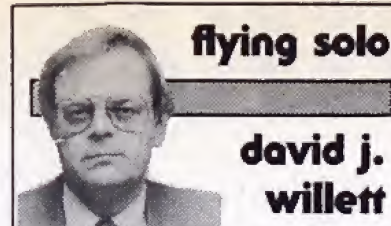
Reporters and editors are, as a matter of course, provided with information about numerous and varied subjects...some which proves to be factual and some which after investigation proves to be distorted or simply untrue.

Recently, a local financial institution experienced a change in management in somewhat of a hushed atmosphere. The change was brought to the attention of our editorial staff, and inquiries were made.

Assurances were given that "Yes, changes were taking place, but there was no story of interest to the public." Furthermore, it was explained, that if one evolved, we would be the first to be informed.

It is always difficult when good, hardworking people are affected or could be affected by the reporting of occurrences, or even alleged of occurrences.

We have long since come to



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the thinking that we should err on the side of the truth. It is a policy that spares needless injury, as well as a policy which gives greater integrity to the charge we hold so dear, that of reporting the truth, for the betterment and enlightenment of society and more specifically our communities. Lastly, it prevents us from being involved in a protracted legal court battle defending ourselves against a charge of libel.

One of our greatest frustrations involves being aware of developments within a segment of one of our communities and being unable to report the facts to our readers before another news source. Reason? It's simple. We are community newspapers that publish but once a week.

The plane crash at Metropolitan Airport, and the Bunga-

low Motel shootings are but two cases in point of stories that are of major concern to our readers, and yet we were unable to deliver the news that we were in possession of before the television and radio stations as well as the daily newspapers.

Often we are made aware of a developing story as it unfolds, and are asked to pace the release of the story to a particular date or issues of our publications.

Like the unveiling of the new model autos, we may be aware of the new designs in advance of the public disclosures, but see little harm to our charge of first amendment trust in cooperating with such a timed release.

When, of course, the subject of the story is one in which we are competing with other media to be perceived as being the publication that "has it first" then we hate to get scooped or be viewed as having been sitting on a story.

Last Thursday, a day after we published, a public statement made by this local financial institution was printed in one of the struggling Detroit dailies. Included was confirmation from an FBI spokes-

man regarding an ongoing investigation into missing funds. Prior to this time, the financial institution employees, directors and management refused to confirm an investigation or characterized the scrutiny as a routine audit. Without such official confirmation, no credible newspaper could ever print the rumor, conjecture and gossip which had surfaced in the community regarding the situation.

Each story is much like a news photo appearing in the pages of our newspapers. It is a snapshot of a memento in time. Life situations, however, are like a movie that continues endlessly. We can reveal to you a single frame in time of an unfolding drama. Next week we can give you another frame of the news footage.

When is the best time to first reveal what it is we do know, comes down to a matter of judgement...is it relevant to our market area, is it the truth, can we substantiate that it is the truth, is it a fitting time to share with our readers the facts as we know them. That is the criteria for making our decision...is it news that's fit to print?

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Q: Why is there an illiteracy problem?

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<p>Gloria Dixon Teacher Inkster</p> <p>Because enough time has not been taken with children at an early age. Babysitting is where the problem started.</p>	<p>Jeannie Mann Volunteer Inkster</p> <p>I think that the parents just don't spend enough time with the kids. They spend more time with their own interests. Most of the kids with problems have home problems, too.</p>	<p>Forest Smith Policeman Westland</p> <p>All you have to do is attend a public school on a daily basis to see where illiteracy begins. They have got teachers who learned 30 years and aren't up to date.</p>	<p>Paula Thompson Student Canton Township</p> <p>Because low-income people don't know how to get an education. People don't know how to find help, so they keep hiding.</p>	<p>Donna Mitchell College staffer Belleville</p> <p>It's a complex problem. Lack of exposure to reading at home, impoverished environment, limited opportunities. The solution may be more one-on-one encouragement.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Clay Secretary Romulus</p> <p>I believe it starts in the home. Parents don't spend enough quality time with children, and kids are not being exposed to affluent activities.</p>
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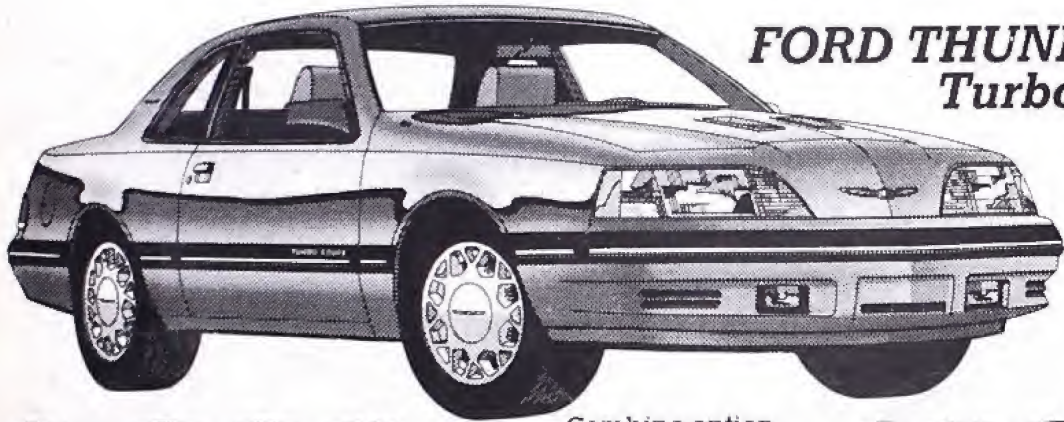
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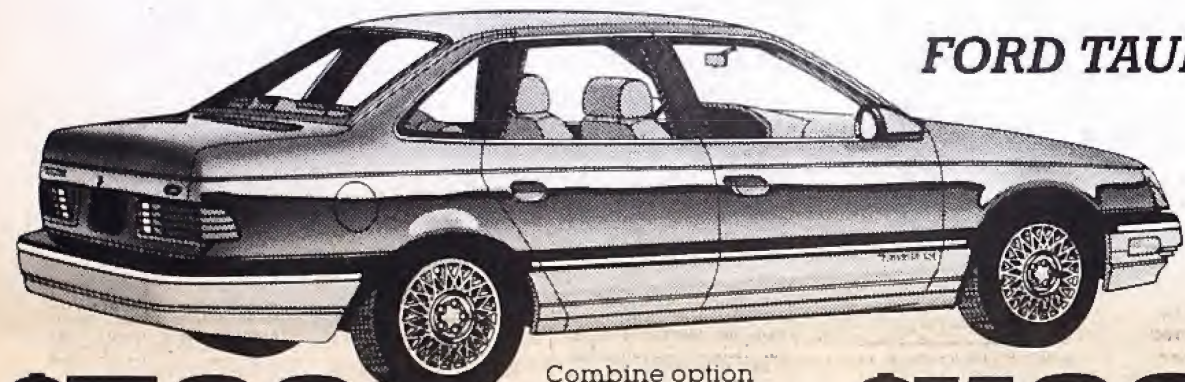


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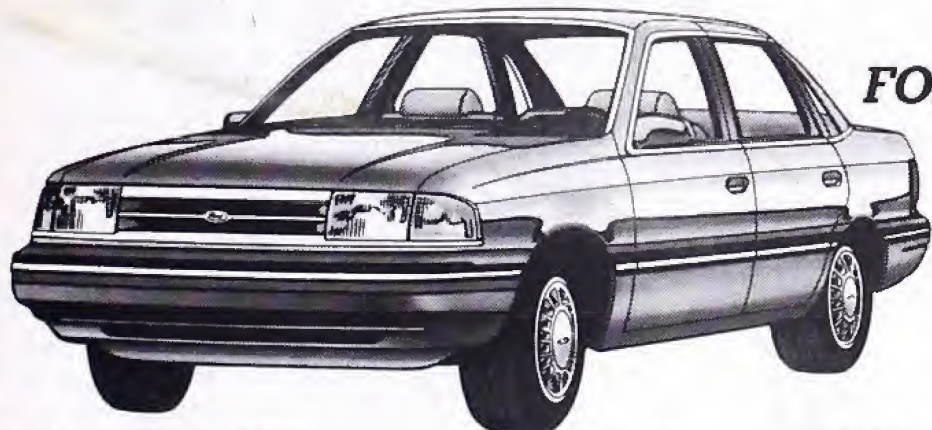


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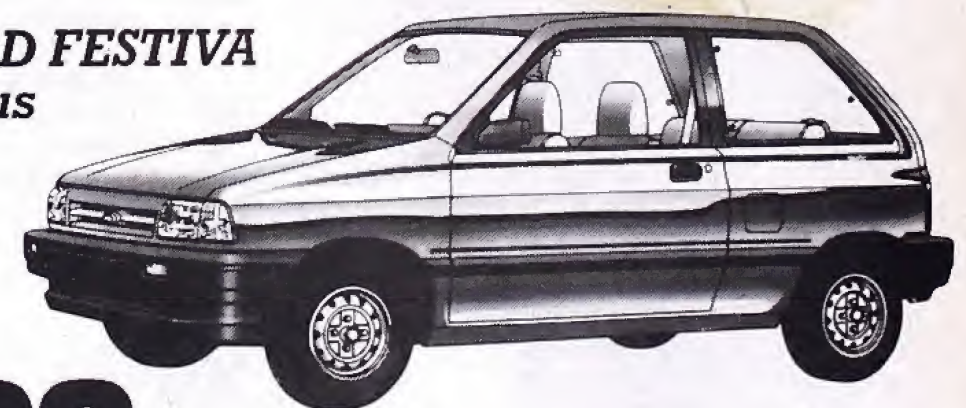


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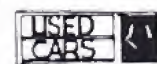
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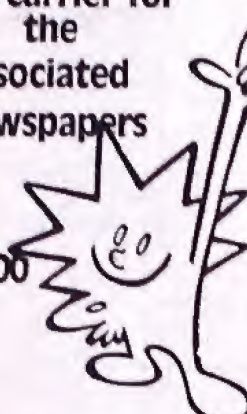
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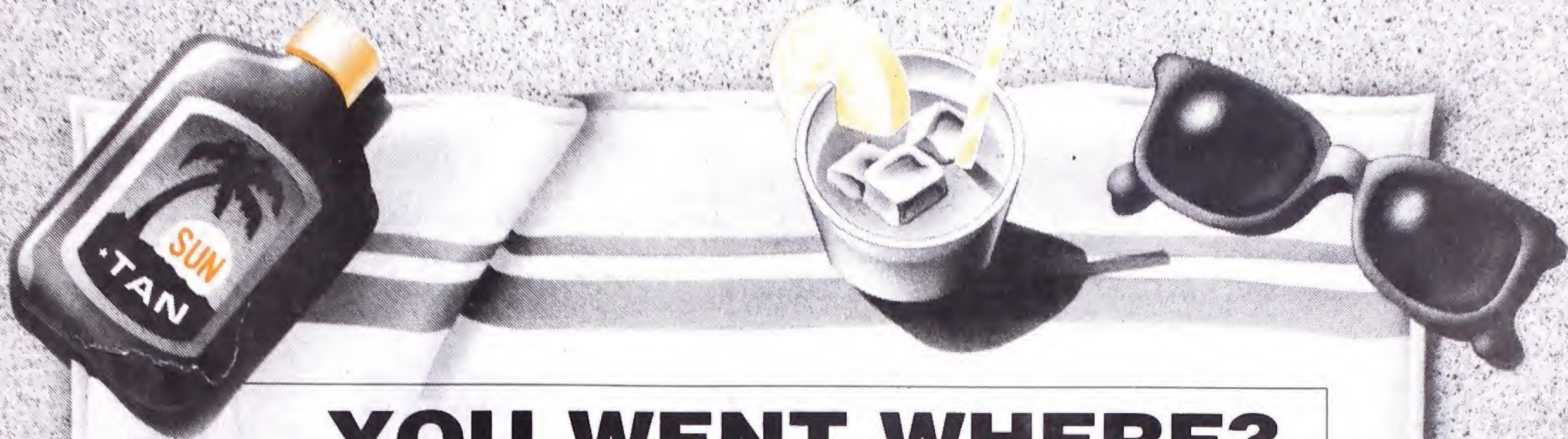
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Area residents travel near, far in 1988 summer

Dear Diary:
This is what I did during my summer vacation . . .

Ireland. England. Toronto. The West Coast.

They all have a special meaning in the hearts of several area residents. They all were just a sampling of the many vacation spots visited during the summer of '88.

This week, we polled residents from throughout the area on what they did during their summer vacations. Like a grade-school activity, we wanted to know what they did, who they went with, why they went there and how well they enjoyed the trip.

Here is what we found:

Home to Scotland

With a Scottish drawl that even years of living in the states could not undue, William Stewart tells tales of Scotland and England with fond remembrances.

Stewart, 44, of Romulus, and his son, Craig, 18, took a two-week trip to the European land this year. First stop was in Stewart's native Scotland, then to Durham, England, where his parents currently live.

Unfortunately, Stewart's wife, Brenda, and daughter, Kelly, could not accompany him on his trip, due to obligations at work.

The trip was prompted by the illness of Stewart's parents, but that didn't stop the twosome from enjoying the majestic beauty of the land.

Stewart eloquently describes the beauty of the green and hilly land in such a way that, with eyes closed, one can almost smell the fresh, dewy grasses that make up a great portion of the countryside.

An island, Durham is surrounded by temperamental weather - often rainy or drizzly, with an occasional spring-like day, in which temperatures can be as high as 80 degrees.

This is not an area of busy intersections and hussling strangers. Rather, it's a quiet town with cobblestone streets, where generations of families have known each other and looked out for one another, Stewart said.

Of the cultural differences between the U.S. and England, Stewart finds Americans to be more transient, even in the small towns. In England, however, residents of small towns tend to be closer and united.

Stewart doesn't plan to return soon to his homeland. However, coming from Scotland, a land of five million inhabitants and 15 million native-born residents who are living abroad, Stewart won't miss his neighbors.

"We are a traveling kind," Stewart said.

Out of this world

One could say that Heather and Andrew McNeill, of Westland, took an "out of this world" vacation.

The brother and sister spent their summer vacation at U.S. Space Camp and U.S. Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala.

Donna McNeill, their mother, said they like to keep summer vacations low-key. During winter breaks from school, the whole family travels to various destinations in Asia.

The space camp experience, however, was one Heather and Andrew won't soon forget.



Canton resident Mary Sampson was greeted warmly by Shamu at Seaworld, on this

The two worked diligently learning about space travel and the U.S. Space Camp. The classes and workshops culminated with a simulated space journey.

Heather worked with her fellow astronauts on a 24-hour mission. They completed various experiments and were faced with problems to be solved.

The entire mission took place in a near-exact replica of a U.S. space shuttle.

Heather, who will be attending college this fall, said she has no plans to become an astronaut. But the space academy did spark an interest in science.

She also was happy to have made so many good friends there.

Andrew's mission on the space ship was only a few hours long, but he, too, learned how to complete experiments in space and how to solve problems which could crop up while in outer space.

The two also participated in several tests, much like those given to potential astronauts. They experienced zero gravity and tests which simulated the shaking space capsule.

Donna said she has received many calls from people interested in attending the space academy and camp.

Her children will attest to the fact that it was a great experience.

California bound

San Diego called out to Janet Marion and her family, so that is where they went.

Marion and her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren loved their vacation on the West Coast.

Marion, of Westland, said the scenery was beautiful and well worth the long trip.

"It is so beautiful along the coast," she said. "Our hotel was right on the coast, near a marina."

A week was plenty of time to see the sites and to get a little shopping, too, Marion said.

The Universal Studio tour, near Hollywood, was her favorite stop.

"They filmed a skit and then even played it back for us," Marion said. "It was quite fascinating."

Marion and her clan even took time out for a little "stargazing," as they drove through Beverly Hills checking out all of the celebrities' homes.

The San Diego Zoo was also a favorite stop, when the family traveled south to San Diego.

Marion was shocked by how clean everything was in California and said driving "was a pleasure."

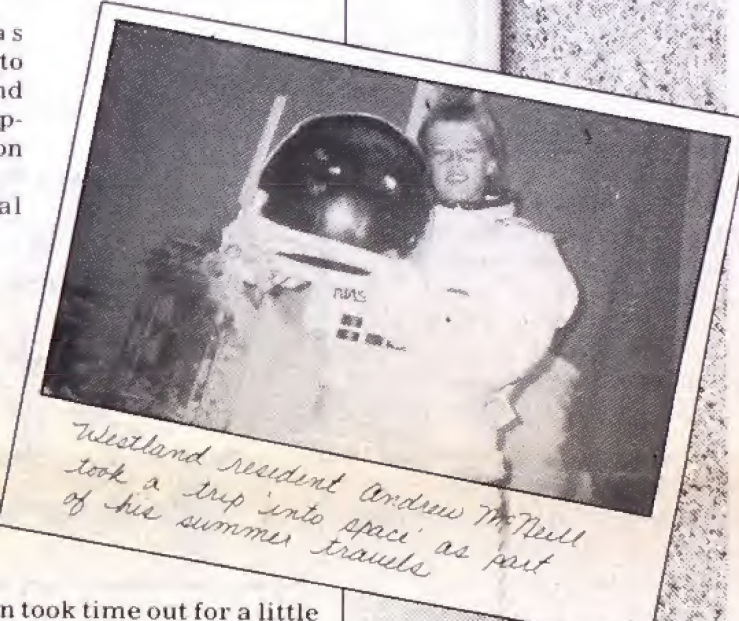
"Even the traffic is so well-organized," she said.

Middle of 'nowhere'

After traveling to 48 of the 50 states - plus Africa, China and the Philippines - Marita Hay and her husband, David, spent their summer vacation in the "middle of nowhere" - several miles from anywhere.

The Hays drove 1,000 miles to visit their daughter and her family in Ainsworth, Neb., dubbed "Middle of Nowhere" by a horseshoe champion during a television interview. The nickname was accepted

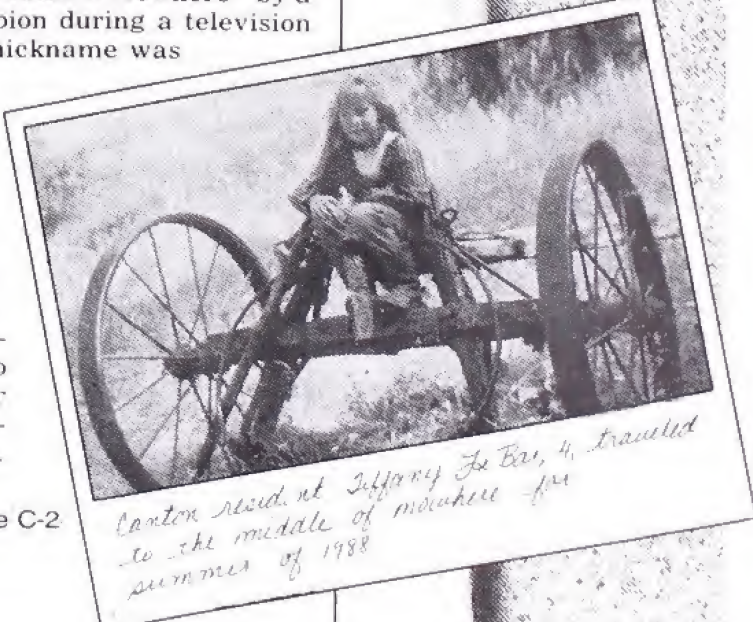
by the 2,100 people who reside in Ainsworth. In fact, the townspeople have gone so far as to erect a sign reading, "Middle of Nowhere," and to name their annual festival after the nickname.



Westland resident Andrew McNeill took a trip into space as part of his summer travels



Inkster resident Bette Plant took her children to Casa Roma, in Toronto, for a great getaway



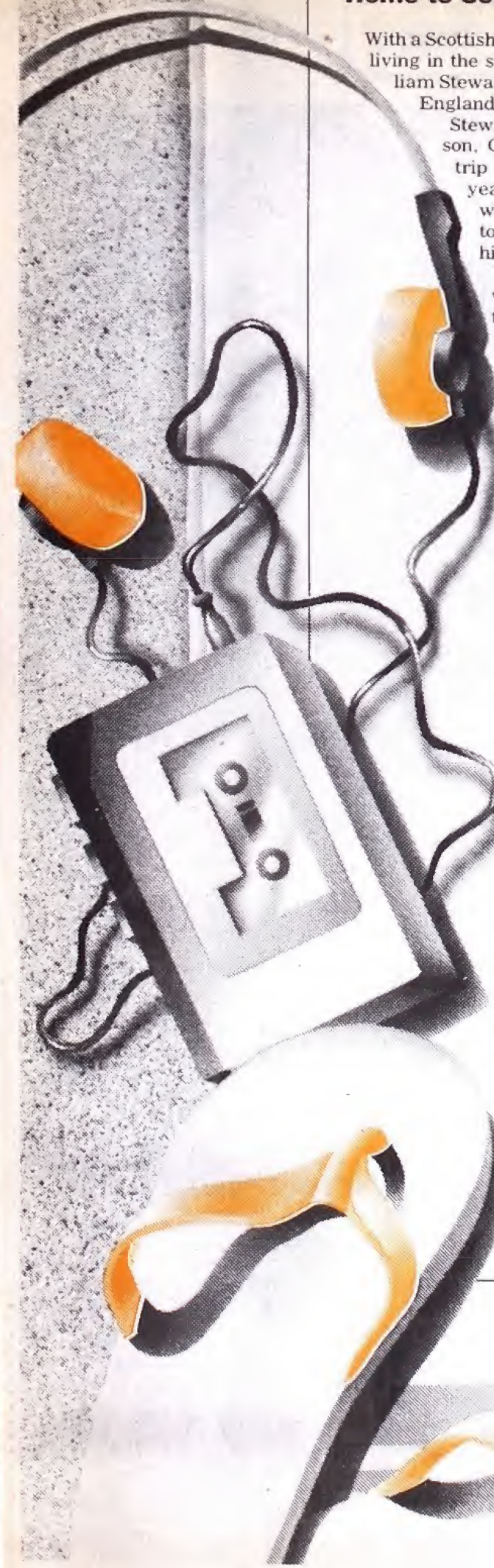
Canton resident Jeffrey Fox traveled to the middle of nowhere for summer of 1988



Romulus resident William Stewart and son, Craig, journeyed to native Scotland for a memorable trip



Wayne city officials Tom Weyand (from left), Ed Roue and Pat Norton visited Dublin, Ire



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Hay, who divides her time between her residence in Canton Township and her job in Belleville, is accustomed to the hustle and bustle of suburban life. Therefore, she said, the slow pace of the town was a complete change of pace.

The visit was "like turning back the clock," Hays said.

Deer and a wide variety of birds inhabit the wide, open spaces around Ainsworth. During their daily walks to the mailbox — one mile from the house — Hay and her granddaughters would watch for unusual birds and other wildlife.

"My granddaughter goes to a one-room school with an enrollment of 19 students in kindergarten through eighth grade," Hays said. "Their nearest neighbor is two miles away and they consider their neighborhood a 30-mile radius of their home."

Trip of the Irish

The people of Ireland were probably not aware of their distinguished visitors from the United States this past summer. There were no photographers or red-carpet welcomes when Wayne Mayor Patrick Norton, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas Weyand and Councilman Ed Rowe walked off the airplane in Dublin.

In Wayne, the three are honorable members of the Wayne City Council. But, in Europe, they are just three more American tourists to find fascination with the green land.

"It was a great vacation," said Weyand, who was lucky enough to find a knowledgeable tour guide.

"The mayor has been to Ireland several times, and he gave us the grand tour, which included stops in Dublin, Galloway and a tour of Trinity college," Weyand continued.

The council members left June 8 and spent two weeks in Europe, including three days in London.

"We did all the tourist things," Weyand said. "We saw the changing of the guard, tower of London and, of course, the casinos."

The trip also included a stop at the home of Norton's cousin, who owns a farm. He "took advantage" of his three guests by putting them to work.

"He gave us all a pitch fork, and we did some haying," said Weyand, who was surprised by the Ireland weather.

"I was surprised by how mild the climate was for how high north it (Ireland) is," he said. "The days were very long, and they said that they don't see a lot of snow."

A Toronto getaway

When Bettie Plant goes to Toronto, she goes to get away.

Unlike the popular TV commercial that ends with singer Tony Bennett, who made San Francisco popular by leaving his heart there and who goes to "Toronto to play," Plant takes along her two children whenever she visits the city 250 miles north of Detroit.

"Toronto is just beautiful. It's somewhere where you can escape to and enjoy yourself," said Plant, who serves as the city of Inkster voter registration director and data processor. "Our family has been there three times, and, each time, we find something new and interesting."

This summer, Plant and her two children, Norman, 13, and Selena, 8, managed to escape the record Michigan heat for a few days by driving the old 401

Queen's Highway to the Canadian paradise.

"The atmosphere in that city is completely different," she said. "The people are friendlier, and the city gives you the feeling of warmth and welcome."

"It's an inexplicable feeling. But my children and I just love it. It's something we should try to import," she said.

Casa Loma, the castle atop the hill, overlooking metropolitan Toronto, is a favorite sightseeing spot, and the Plants agree that it's a "must" on any trip to Toronto.

Canton castaways

Raymond Lamporn likes to travel. This summer, Lamporn and his wife, Mary, visited San Diego, Pennsylvania and three different places in Michigan.

During most of their 45-year marriage, the Lamporns have literally gone around the world.

"We've been to the Orient, Russia. They're all interesting for different reasons," Lamporn said.

On this day, Lamporn was content to play different variations of poker in the men's club at the Canton Recreation Center. Lamporn has been a Canton resident for 10 years. He isn't always in Canton, but he still calls it home.

Lamporn's most recent summer vacation ended just recently. He organized a six-day trip for 44 members of the Senior Elks to the Castaways, a resort in Port Austin, Mich.

Lasting from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, the trip included "tons of activities," such as swimming, fishing, a tour of a nearby Strategic Air Command radar base, bingo and a wine-tasting party.

"They have special senior weekends," he said, after throwing a red poker chip into a growing pile in the center of the table. "They take place during the latter part of the year on Lake Huron."

During this last trip, Lamporn came to the costume party which he hosted dressed as an Arab sheik.

Why did he dress as an Arab sheik?

"Because I'm Jewish, and I thought I'd be different," he said.

Lamporn was in San Diego June 12 for an investment seminar. He visited the San Diego Zoo during his visit.

"It was excellent," he said. "But I liked the wild animal park better. They're all endangered species."

Lamporn recommends diversification — a strategy which seems to apply to his travel habits as well. While in Chesaning, west of Flint, Lamporn enjoyed a trip on board the Chesaning Showboat, with Louise Mandrell headlining the cruise.

"It was a real showboat," he said. "Louise was very good, excellent — multi-talented. This is how the town raises money for civic projects. It's a nice deal."

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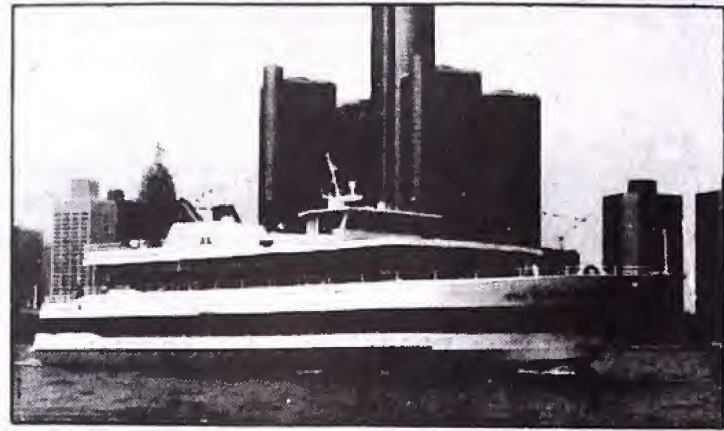
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Food

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just desserts

sue willett

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One of my favorite fruit treats seems designed for this time of year, although it requires some advance preparation. Vanilla sugar is needed, and I admit, I formerly kept it on hand as a kitchen staple, but with the little time I spend cooking lately, I've fallen into bad habits and am less prepared than I once was.

To make vanilla sugar, simply place a 3-inch or longer fresh vanilla bean (you can buy them in the spice section of the grocery store) in a covered container filled with three to four cups of regular granulated sugar. Just let it stand for two or three days and as the sugar is used, refill it. When the vanilla bean gets dry and hard, replace it with a fresh one.

Tarte Tatin (upside down apple tart)

3/4 cup butter, softened
1 cup vanilla sugar (see above)
5 to 6 pounds golden delicious apples
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, chilled
4 tablespoons vegetable shortening, chilled
4 to 5 tablespoons ice water

Spread the 3/4 cup butter over the sides and bottom of a 9 to 10-inch skillet with sloping sides. Sprinkle with the vanilla sugar.

Peel the apples, halve and core them, then arrange them standing upright in overlapping circles around the edge of the pan and flat in the center to fill the mold tightly. (This arrangement will be the top of the tart.)

Cook the apples on a burner over medium-low heat for 60 to 90 minutes, or until the sugar has caramelized and the syrup that bubbles up the side of the apples is golden. (After 10 minutes cooking time, one to two more apple halves may be added to keep the shape tight). Let cool thoroughly. (This may be done ahead of time. Cover tightly with plastic wrap).

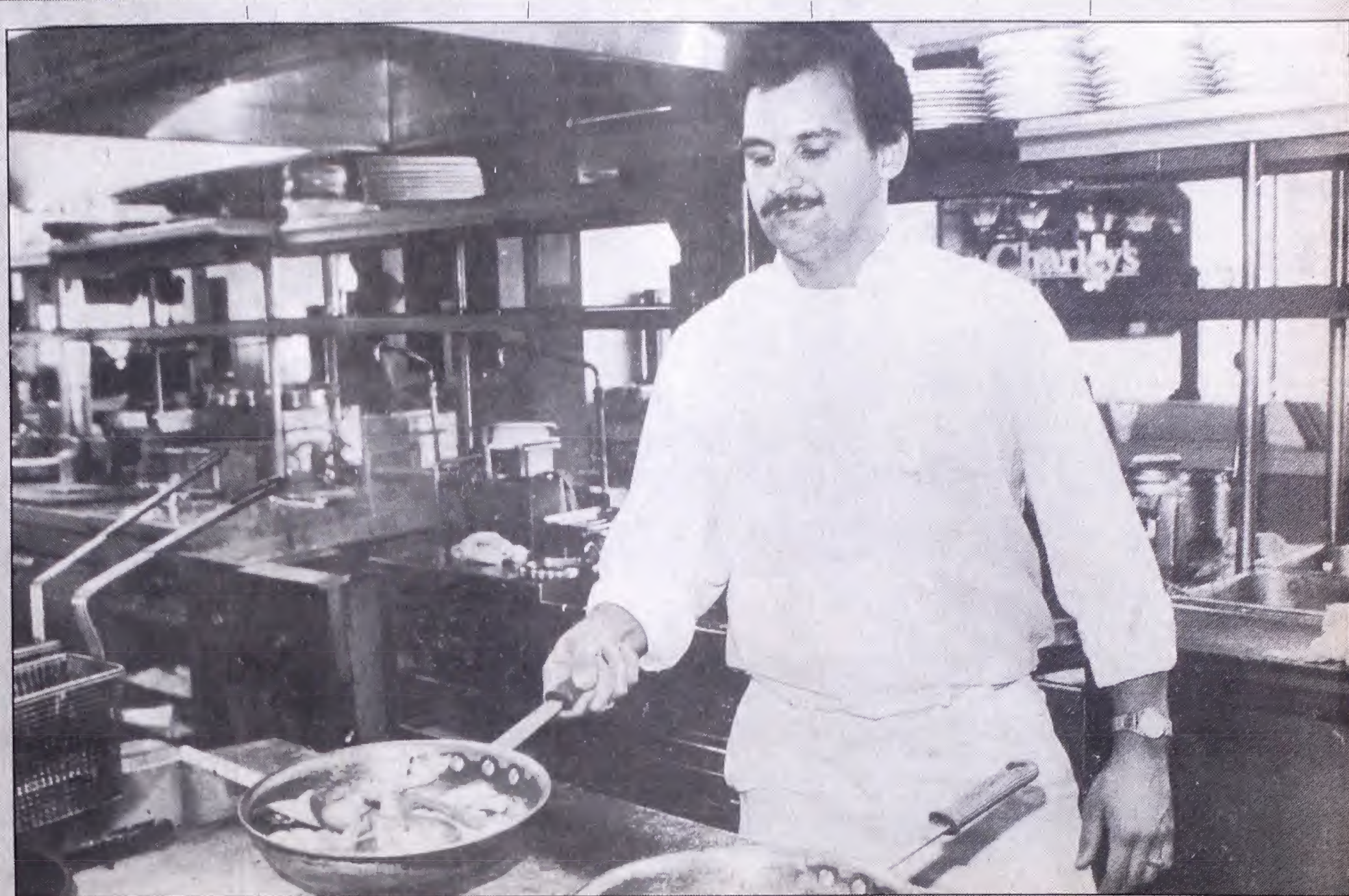
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Place the flour in a bowl with the 2 tablespoons sugar and teaspoon of salt. Cut the 1/2 cup unsalted butter and the vegetable shortening into pieces and mix into the flour until crumbly. Add just enough water to form a ball. It should not be sticky.

Remove from bowl and knead quickly into a smooth ball. Wrap in plastic and chill for one hour.

When the apples have cooled sufficiently, roll out the pastry dough into a circle the size of the skillet. Place it over the apples, allowing the edges to fall against the inside edge of the skillet. Bake the tart for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the pastry is crisp and brown.

Let the tart cool for 15 to 30 minutes. Reverse onto a serving platter. If any apples stick to the base of the pan, remove them with a knife and reposition them into the tart.



▲ Chef Jon Bodin III (above), of Chuck Muer's Wayne restaurant, knows the many benefits of using Michigan products in his entrees. Among those ingredients with a Michigan label at the restaurant are fresh fish, fruits and vegetables. ANP photos by Anni Grimes, staff photographer



YES M!C H!GAN

State products are making ideal meal ingredients

By EVON SAJKOVIC
ANP Staff Writer

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h, Michigan. Umm, Michigan. The foods you grow are outstanding. The meals you make are superb!

There is no

doubt about it. Michigan products are perfect to add flavor and flair to any meal. Just ask officials at the Chuck Muer's restaurants. They have staked their business on products grown in our home state.

Amid the casual decor and tantalizing aroma of garlic and fresh dough, the staff at Chuck Muer's Wayne prepares daily for the lunch and dinner crowds.

Ingredients, many of which have a Michigan label, are shuffled from here to there, on their way to being transformed

into delicious works of culinary art.

Chefs have long stressed the importance of fresh ingredients in creating a good recipe. That is why fresh ingredients have long been the policy at the Muer restaurants.

To get the freshest fish, fruits and vegetables, owner Chuck Muer insists that they come directly from Michigan.

Why?

Michigan has great resources, explained Jon Bodin, kitchen manager at Chuck Muer's Wayne.

"Freshness is number one. To guarantee it, we use as many Michigan products as possible," Bodin said.

The restaurant, formerly known as Mama's and Pastas, specializes in a variety of fresh fish and vegetables, as well as a wide array of pasta dishes. Nutrition is also "a featured dish."

"We don't cook with calories in mind, but nutrition is very important to us, because it is very important to our customers," Bodin said.

To incorporate the Michigan-products theme, Muer chefs use an assortment of state fish, berries and vegetables. But they could choose many other home-grown products, according to officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

State officials list the best Michigan products — and the months they are available — as:

■ Fruits — apples, Aug. 15 to Nov. 1; apricots, July 12 to Aug. 15; blackberries, July 1 to July 10; red berries, Sept. 10 to Nov. 1; blueberries, July 13 to Sept. 15; sour cherries, July 1 to July 15; sweet cherries, July 1 to July 31; grapes, Sept. 15 to Oct. 1; melons, Aug. 10 to the first frost; nectarines, mid-August; peaches, Aug. 1 to Sept. 20; pears, Aug. 20 to Oct. 31; plums, Aug. 6 to Sept. 20; strawberries, June 15 to July 10.

■ Vegetables — asparagus, May to June 15; snap and green beans, July 1 to Oct. 1; beets, July 1 to Sept. 1; broccoli, July through October; brussels sprouts, September through November; cabbage, July through November; carrots, July 15 to Oct. 1; cauliflower, July through November;

cucumbers, July through October; eggplant, July through October; peppers, July to first frost; potatoes, July 15 to Oct. 1; pumpkins, October; sweet corn, July 20 to Sept. 10; squash, July 15 to Oct. 1; tomatoes, July through October.

■ Other products — bedding plants, May and June; cheese, year round; Christmas trees, Nov. 25 to Dec. 25; cider, mid-November to year end; dill, July 10 to fall; evergreens, ornamentals and flowers, March through December; honey, year round; jams and jellies, year round; maple syrup, year round.

And what does one do with all of these Michigan products? What follows are a few recipes to provide the answer to that question.

Chuck Muer's pasta salad

2 ounces broccoli florets
2 ounces cauliflower florets
2 ounces mushrooms
2 ounces scallions
Several cherry tomatoes
2 ounces cucumber
4 ounces cooked chicken breast
4 ounces cooked ham
3 ounces mozzarella cheese
3 ounces American cheese
1 ounce red radishes
1 ounce carrots
1 pound cooked fusilli noodles
Chopped parsley
2 large romaine leaves for each salad plate

Mix all ingredients together, except mushrooms, chicken and cherry tomatoes. Place the romaine on the individual plates as a liner. Place the salad mixture on top.

Put chicken and mushrooms evenly over the mixture and top with chopped parsley. Place 4 tomato halves in each corner of the plate and garnish with vinaigrette or desired dressing.

Baked chicken in cream

1 chicken (3 pounds), dis-jointed
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Bacon fat
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
2 cups heavy cream

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Put flour, salt and pepper into a paper bag and shake chicken pieces into the mixture to coat. Brown chicken pieces in hot bacon fat in a heavy skillet. Transfer to a greased casserole. Cover with the remaining ingredients.

Cover the casserole and cook slowly in the oven for 1 1/2 hours or until the chicken is tender. Makes 4 servings.

Sauer beans

15 pounds fresh green beans
3/4 cup salt
1 gallon crock, sterilized with boiling water

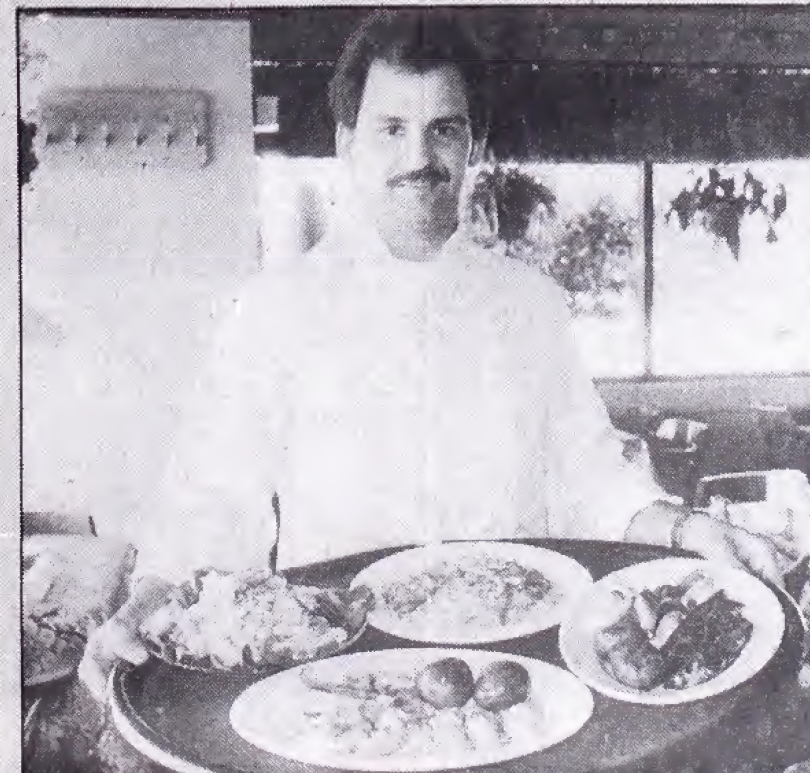
Remove tips of beans and slice 1 lengthwise. Mix well with salt and pack in gallon crock with a clean cloth and plate. Weigh it down with a stone.

Let work 3 weeks. After the working is finished (the liquid will be still), the beans can be packed in jars. This makes a great side dish with pork, ham or chicken.

Lake trout with horseradish sauce

4 pounds lake trout, cleaned and dressed
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup grated fresh horseradish
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Few grains of cayenne
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
1/4 cup melted butter
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 lemon sliced

Wrap trout in cheesecloth, simmer gently in salted water 10 minutes or until fork pierces backbone easily. Remove cheesecloth. Carefully transfer fish to heated platter. Keep warm. Mix horseradish, vinegar, salt and cayenne. Fold into whipped cream. Spoon into sauce boat. Sprinkle trout with melted butter, dust with minced parsley, garnish with lemon slices and serve with horseradish sauce on side.



▲ Michigan products do make the meal, Bodin will confess. Popular Chuck Muer's dishes made with Michigan products include a pasta salad, grilled chicken fettuccini, baked shrimp with red pepper sauce and provencale sauce.

JUST MARRIED



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schram

Rhodes - Schram

Kecia Joyce Rhodes, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Howard Christian Schram, of Fort Worth, were united in marriage July 23 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, of Belleville. The Rev. Copeland officiated during the double-ring, afternoon ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Dusty) Rhodes, of Belleville. She is a 1986 graduate of Belleville High School and attended the T.C.J.C. Fort Worth Police Department cadet program. She is the director of the Country Care Day Care, in White Settlement, Texas.

Approximately 130 guests attended the wedding ceremony. The church was decorated with pink and white carnations. Music was provided by organist Gwynne Garrett, the groom's sister, and soloist Peg Fogg.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schram, of Canyon, Texas. He has attended Canyon High School and Wyoming Tech. He is employed at Darr Equipment Co., in Fort Worth.

The bridal gown was a white, floor-length gown, with a Queen Ann-collar and sleeves, chapel-length train, dotted with pearls and beads, with a full skirt. She wore a fingertip veil, with pearls, beads, flowers and a pearl-center drop.

She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses and carnations.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor for the occasion was Pamela Remus, a friend of the bride. Bridesmaids included Bree Rhodes, the bride's sister, of Belleville; and Pamula Skidgell, a friend of the bride, of Belleville.

The groom's friend, Doug Morris, of Canyon, served as best man. Groomsmen included Tom Rush, of Canyon, Randy Garrett, the groom's brother-in-law, of Arlington, Texas. Ushers were Jerry Rhodes, the bride's brother, of Belleville, Mike Bourdeau, a friend, of Belleville, and Stephen Warsham, a friend, of Belleville.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Local 900 hall, in Wayne. Approximately 100 guests attended.

The two traveled to the Gulf of Mexico, Mercedes, Texas, and Padray Island for their honeymoon. They have made their new home in Fort Worth.

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The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of John Glenn High School. Combining classes at Eastern Michigan University and Henry Ford Community College, she is working toward a degree in the paralegal profession. She is currently employed as business manager at Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury, in Garden City.

The groom-elect is a 1983 graduate of Wayne Memorial



Gibson - Shafer

High School. He has attended Northern Michigan University, while serving in the Air Force. He plans to attend Wayne State University this fall. He is currently employed as a service technician for Maclean Hunter Cablevision.

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Doris and Donald Beck, of Wayne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 19 during a party hosted by their son, Harold, his wife, Harriet, and their grandchildren, Sandi and Ron.

They were joined in the celebration by approximately 60 guests, including their mother of honor, Lillian Kirk, and her husband.

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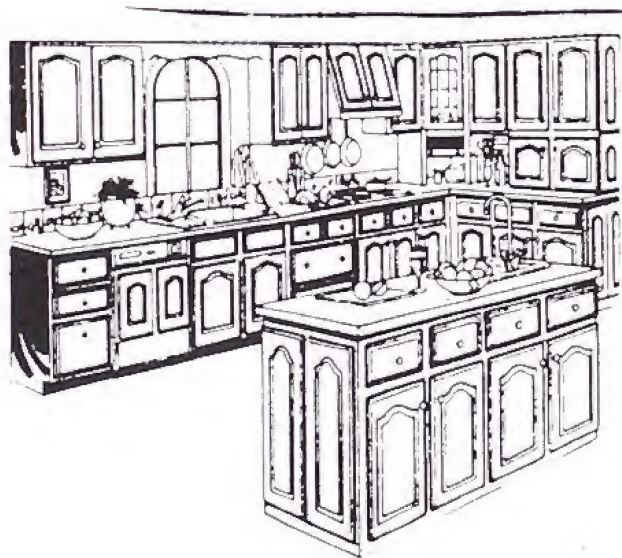
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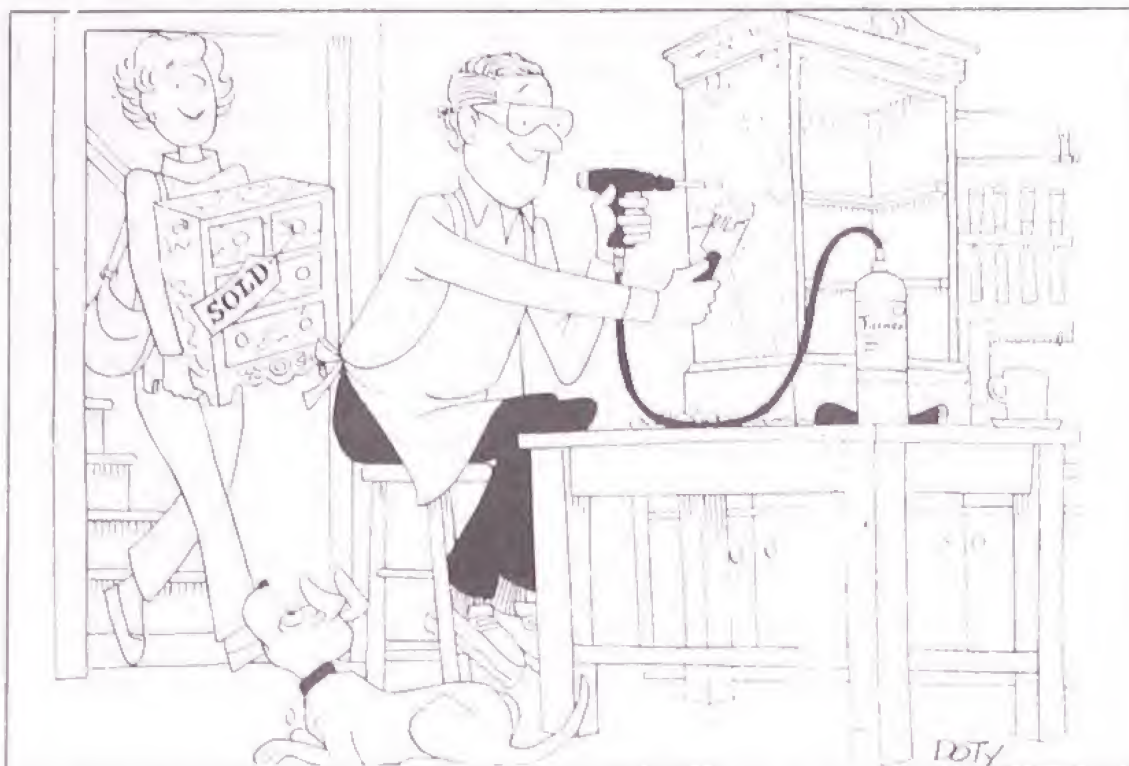
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Do-it-yourself handymen have good intentions when they set out doing home repairs. But they might also be breaking the law unless they inquire about the local building permit requirements necessary before beginning many major home-improvement projects.

PERMIT PRIMER

Before improving homes, owners must obey the law

By THOMAS M. VARCIE

A permit is almost always needed for such major repairs as altering walls, adding to a home, remodeling or re-roofing a home, replacing a basement furnace or paving a driveway. In fact, permits are required in some cities to install a shed in the back yard.

It's that time of year again when major homes improvements are needed to prepare for another Michigan winter.

And it's also the time for permits. Lots of them.

Whether it's building a new garage, adding to the home or constructing a new house, a building permit will be needed, according to local municipal officials.

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The reason for obtaining a permit is to ensure that the added or updated structure conforms to all local building codes and zoning ordinances, officials said.

The process of receiving a permit varies in each community. In some communities, application fees are necessary. In others, a permit can be obtained 15 minutes after applying for one. Sometimes, however, the permit process takes one or two weeks to complete.

Following is a guide for obtaining building permits in the area.

Belleville area

In Belleville, obtaining a building permit is an easy task. Homeowners

should visit the building department, fill out a pre-application form and receive the permit. There is, however, an application fee of \$10.

At this point, two things will occur, according to Doreen Craven, secretary of the building department in Belleville. First, the homeowner, if performing the work individually, must sign an affidavit saying he or she will assume all liabilities for the property.

Second, an inspection of the land or structure being repaired will be scheduled. Fee for the inspection is \$15.

"Some inspections will be more involved than others, depending on the work of the structure," Craven said. "We have inspectors go out and find all corrections that need to be done. If there are corrections to be done, there has to be a re-inspection."

For individuals fixing their home to sell it, a certificate of occupancy must be obtained. The certificate is \$40 and is valid for two years.

To perform work on houses or on structures in Belleville, contractors must register each year with the building department. A fee of \$10 is charged.

In neighboring Sumpter Township, it's fairly easy to obtain a building permit, officials there said.

People needing a permit should head to the building department and fill out an application. While filing an application, residents must also bring in a site plan detailing the type of work and a list of supplies.

The permit will then go to the building director for review. Permit seekers will generally know whether or not the permit has been approved within two days, according to Esther Hurst, secretary of the building department.

Permit costs are based on the amount of work being performed and the amount of estimated repair costs.

In adjacent Van Buren Township, individuals wishing to obtain a building permit should also report to the building department to fill out an application. Most permit seekers will receive their permit—if they are approved—within one day.

Permits will be needed in the township for buildings receiving structural changes, inside or outside remodeling.

Building permits vary in price, depending on the size of the project and estimated cost of the repairs. The minimum permit fee is \$25 for township residents.

Canton Township

Before seeking a building permit in Canton Township, two questions should be asked, according to Aaron Machnik, a township building official.

"Ask what kind of repairs they are doing. Some minor home repairs do not need one," Machnik said. "Then, ask whether the building is for their own use or not. You need to get a homeowners permit if it's for you."

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Building permits in Canton, Machnik said, can cost between \$25 and \$25,000, depending on the value of the project. Permits generally take one to two weeks to receive after the application is made.

Nevertheless, any mechanical repairs, such as plumbing, heating and electric, *must* be done by a contractor. Two kinds of reviews will be performed by township building officials.

"We'll do a zoning review, which looks at yard space, height of the house, width of it and so on. Then there's the building-code review, which is done to make sure the house meets all building codes," Machnik said.

After this is complete, the building permit is ready, and construction can begin.

Permits in Canton, Machnik said, can be simple to obtain, depending on the size of the project.

"The length of time getting the permit depends on the community, your perception and value of the project. Most of the people that apply for permits have fairly little problem getting them."

Inkster

Building officials in the city of Inkster want their residents to be prepared when applying for a building permit.

Upon applying for a permit, Inkster residents must also submit a de-

Insp^lectors will make sure all building codes are met. The cost of the permit is based on the value of the project. Monies generated from permits are used to pay for inspections.

tailed statement - in writing - of the specifications of the building or structure, complete with plans of the proposed work. The statement must also be complete with a verified affidavit from the builder.

In addition, a site plan, showing dimensions of the project, existing and proposed structures, must also be submitted with the application.

After proper forms and the application are completed, building division officials will consider the application for a building permit.

While examining it, building officials from the city will determine if the application conforms to zoning ordinances, building codes and other laws.

Individuals who applied for permits will either be approved or rejected within 10 business days.

Upon approval of a permit, the owner must also obtain separate permits for water and sewer taps, signs, fences and curb cuts, plumbing and electrical, depending on the size of the project.

After the permit is issued, several inspections of the work area will be

conducted, including water and sewer, excavation and footings, rough inspections, completion inspections and final inspections, again, according to the size of the project.

Romulus

Before a building permit can be issued in Romulus, four inspections must be made.

Romulus homeowners planning to do work on their home must first purchase a city certificate for \$55, according to Willie Watson, assistant building director.

After the city certificate is purchased, inspections for electric, plumbing, heating and building will be made by city officials.

"At that point, we get with the owner and tell them which violations they have to take care of. After the violations are taken care of, the building permit can be purchased," Watson said.

Permits in Romulus can be obtained, generally, within one week.

Permit fees in Romulus meet the international code figures of the

Building Officials and Codes Administrators. The BOCA guidelines are used in setting fees.

As an example, Watson said, a structure cost of \$50,000 would make the permit fee \$368, plus a standard \$15 starter fee.

When building a new home, a different process for the permit is used. First, a site grade is done. This is performed to plot where the house, gas lines, water lines and electrical wiring will be placed.

The availability of water and sewage in the proposed area will also be determined.

The owner of the new structure will then bring in three sets of blueprints for the home. The permit is ready to be received.

The structure can then be built. When construction is completed, the house is inspected so that it has been constructed in conformance with all building codes.

Although the process of obtaining a building permit sounds rather lengthy, Watson said, it actually is fast and effective.

Wayne

The phrase "same-day service" seems to fit the Wayne Building Department accurately - especially when looking for a building permit.

In Wayne, when a homeowner is planning a major home-improvement project, he or she should first apply for a building permit, according to

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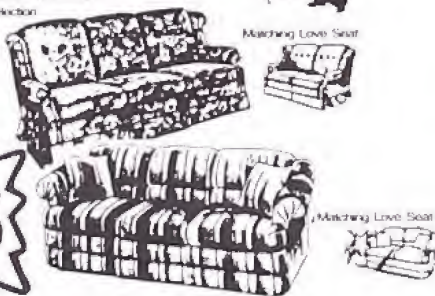
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Many home buyers feel that an elegant home, such as this one, is not complete until a labor-saving, value-adding automatic sprinkler irrigation system is installed. And fall is the perfect time to think about such a home improvement, experts say. Special photo to ANP

OUTDOOR BEAUTY

Sprinklers, yard lights
add value to every home

When residential or commercial buyers make plans for a new home or commercial building, one of the first features they want included is an automatic sprinkler irrigation system.

And when potential buyers look at existing house, the ones that will sell first - and at a premium - are the homes with professionally-installed sprinkler irrigation systems, according to Ernie Hodas, president of Century Rain, Aid, the largest designer and supplier of components for sprinkler irrigation systems east of the Rockies.

That's because, while not everyone enjoys working in the yard, nearly everyone wants a healthy, green lawn and a thriving, well-watered landscape.

"It's hard to argue with the proposition of sprinkler irrigation," Hodas said. "In a building of any substantial value, a sprinkler irrigation system is a tiny fraction of the total cost, but it is a major enhancement to its worth.

"Why spend thousands of dollars on expensive landscaping, shrubs and sod and then fail to support it with a reliable sprinkler irrigation system? It makes good economic sense to protect your investment," he continued.

But aren't these systems expensive and disruptive to have installed?

"They are surprisingly affordable and easy to have installed," Hodas said.

The average-size lot can have a full-coverage,

professionally installed system for between \$1,200 and \$2,000. That means it will be automatic, fully programmable and trouble-free.

"It will water to your specifications. You can set it and forget it," Hodas said.

"If you hire professionals, you get a well-trained and efficient crew who will install your system in less than two days, with minimum disruption to your yard. Pipe pullers today cut a narrow slit in your sod and then a vibratory plow pulls the pipe throughout the property. Even with existing lawn, after two days of watering, there is no evidence of sod damage."

In addition, homeowners increasingly want "nightscaping," a term for the use of low-voltage lighting to highlight architectural features of the building, to bring a soft glow of light to shrubbery or cast dramatic shadows from trees onto walls.

Nightscaping can be as simple as lighting a footpath or hiding light fixtures in shrubbery. Or it can be as elegant as Spanish paper luminaries along a walltop, underwater lighting in a pond or dramatic downlighting, giving dramatic highlights to the crown of a gnarled tree.

"Why invest thousands in landscaping and not be able to use it after sundown?" Hodas asked. "As with the insurance a sprinkler irrigation system gives in keeping the landscape green and healthy, nightscaping extends the usefulness and enjoyment of the investment. ■"



Book available

Home Plans for Outdoor Living is not just another plan book but is a book with a new plan of attack for outdoor building, promoters of the book say. The 192-page volume showcases more than 100 home designs, each uniquely styled to make the outdoors an outstanding part of the house.

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Bill Pargo, assistant building official in Wayne. After receiving the permit, inspectors might go to the prospective building site and investigate the surroundings. At this time, inspectors will make sure all building codes are met.

Building permits in Wayne range in cost from \$100 to \$50,000, Pargo said. However, \$100 is a typical price.

No application fee is required.

The cost of the permit is based on the value of the project. Monies generated from permits are used to pay for inspections.

Turnaround time for permits is very fast, Pargo said. Permits can generally be picked up within minutes after applying.

"If they've (the homeowners) have done any research or planning and phone calls, they can come in and pick up their permit in 15 minutes," he said.

Westland

Building officials in Westland work like a conveyor belt for building permits. They are quick, productive and net fast results.

When a homeowner wants to begin a major home improvement in Westland, building officials will do anything and everything but keep the builder from starting the project on time, officials said.

The first step in this process is for the homeowner to show a building

official from the city a plan of the project, according to Mike Cullity, Westland plan examiner.

"They have to show me a plot plan and how the building or addition to the structure will look," Cullity said. "They have to know who's doing it, square footage, type of construction and the estimated cost."

The homeowner then heads to the building department and completes an application for the building permit. A minimum application fee of \$25 is charged, and the permit usually is in the owner's hands within two days.

Building permits generally are \$100 for a project valued at between \$14,000 and \$15,000, Cullity said.

Once the building permit is purchased, Cullity said, several inspections follow, depending on the complexity of the job. For instance, a sand inspection would be required if a new driveway were being constructed.

"When there is the lot, the person has to check for different zoning, because there are six different zonings in Westland," Cullity said. "In a new home, we start with the engineering division. There is a plot plan. We make sure the new construction doesn't hurt any of the surrounding area."

"Then, two sets of plans are given to the building department for code inspections. Water and sewer fees will also have to be paid by the owner. The building permit is purchased before any construction starts," Cullity said. ■

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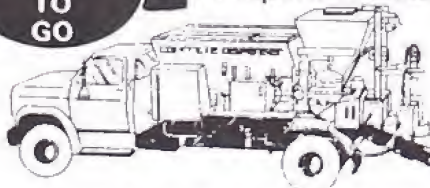
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Average payments for a manufactured home, Duhl said, are between \$400 and \$500 each month, compared to average monthly area apartment rents of \$400 to \$600.

"The manufactured home offers an alternative to the apartment or house. We can now put people in something that is less expensive, easy to maintain and decent in size," Duhl said. "If you look at a home, it's better constructed today. It can come fully loaded and be very affordable."

Fully loaded, Duhl said, means that some of the structures are constructed with several different features, including a brick fireplace, large family room, cathedral ceilings, built-in appliances and better insulation.

"We offer a lot more for a lot less. And the quality is there, too."

The homes, he said, are generally sold in two categories. Some homes are built 14 feet wide and 70 feet long, while others are constructed 24 to 28 feet wide and 44 to 66 feet long. The latter, Duhl said, are priced at approximately \$40,000, while the 14-foot by 70-foot structure is priced at approximately \$20,000.

The structures on the inside, Duhl said, are large in size, with average homes ranging from 1,200 to 1,400 square feet. Some structures can be as many as 1,800 square feet.

Some of the structures may even be placed in a residential neighborhood, Duhl said.

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"They do meet all the building codes in residential areas. In fact, one of the homes could actually be built in a subdivision or on a street. They fit right in with the other homes. Sometimes, you can't even tell the difference between the two when they're next to each other."

Aside from the adequate price and size of the manufactured home, Duhl said, there is more good news.

"People that own a manufactured home can build equity. It's just like owning a house. You can do whatever you want with it. It's yours," Duhl said.

When purchasing a manufactured home, generally, 10 percent of the total value is due. And, like a stationary home or apartment, there are monthly payments.

For people needing a manufactured home, one is generally available between 10 days and eight weeks, Duhl said.

One new "haven" for manufactured homes is The Westland Meadows. There, residents are

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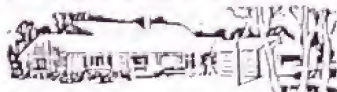
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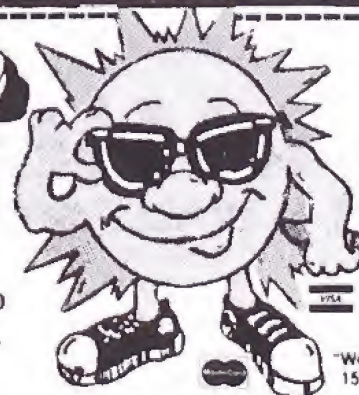
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BORDERS BOOM

The baby-boom generation makes wallcoverings hits

Having reached the age of 40 by July 1 last year, the leading edge of the baby-boom generation has joined the ranks of the middle-aged. The milestone also places them within the fastest growing age group in the nation. From 1980 to 1987, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population ages 25 to 34 grew by 17 percent to 43.5 million. At the same time, the population of those ages 35 to 44 increased by 34 percent to 34.4 million.

This growth among 25- to 44-year-olds has been so phenomenal that they now represent nearly one-third of the U.S. population of 244 million. That's good news for manufacturers of products ranging from automobiles to wallcoverings.

For wallcovering manufacturers, the news couldn't be better, because 25- to 44-year-olds fit the demographic profile of the typical wallcovering user, who now numbers 43.5 million. To turn these prospects into customers, however, wallcovering retailers have to be prepared to meet the needs of first-time users, as well as repeat buyers.

To be able to meet those needs, according to Wallcovering Information Bureau, retailers have to be

alert to customer preferences regarding their favorite colors, lifestyles, tastes, type of home and colors of accessories, draperies, carpeting and woodwork. It's also important to determine what type of patterns they prefer, what feeling they want their home to portray - formal or relaxed, for example - and how much money they want to spend on wallcovering.

It's also a good idea for retailers to offer potential customers room diagrams so they can fill in essentials, such as height and length measurements and drawings of windows and doors.

Finally, it's wise to spend time with customers looking through sample books that show the wallcovering colors and patterns in room settings. This gives prospective customers a chance to see how a particular pattern will look in a room, especially as a favorite pattern relates to coordinating wallcoverings and fabrics.

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Walls bordering on coordinates

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Because borders are attractive, easy to apply and economical – and because of their ability to add architectural interest – their use is growing by leaps and bounds.

Pre-trimmed borders, according to the Wallcovering Information Bureau, are especially popular because they are easy for do-it-yourselfers to install. Strippable borders are also popular because they can be completely removed from the wall without steaming or scraping

whenever tastes – or apartments – change.

Borders can offer a simple and inexpensive solution to a variety of problems. A border installed just below the intersection of the ceiling and walls, for instance, visually lowers a ceiling that's too high.

Borders can enhance the warmth of the woodwork, emphasize the windows and door trim or direct the eye toward the focal point of a room. Use borders to pull individual elements of a room together, to decorate kitchen cabinets or bath vanities or to customize furniture with matching wallcovering pattern above and below the border. ■

Vinyl windows popular for beauty and savings

The use of vinyl in windows is framed by growth.

According to the Vinyl Window & Door Institute, production has just about doubled during the last five years and is at the point where vinyl windows represent about one-quarter of the 22.5-million replacement units installed in American homes each year.

The popularity of vinyl windows is due to several factors. Among them are their ready availability, ease of installation, low maintenance, energy efficiency, durability and good looks.

Available in all the popular models, vinyl windows can be fixed or shaped to fit any existing opening, architectural style or personal preference. They come with single glazing, double- or triple-glazed insulating glass for superior thermal efficiency. They also improve the appearance of a home and keep those good looks for years with minimum of cleaning and care.

Installing vinyl windows is no more difficult than with any other kind of window. Get in touch with a

local contractor to discuss styles of and how easy and quick it is to replace old units with new, attractive vinyl windows.

Since vinyl neither swells nor shrinks, its use in windows assures smooth operation in any weather. It does not rust, pit or corrode.

Because the color is actually part of the vinyl, the windows never have to be painted. When they become dirty, all that is required for a thorough cleaning is a damp cloth.

If they are subject to stubborn grime because of local conditions, a mild, non-abrasive detergent solution cleans the vinyl windows to a "good as new" condition.

When shopping for windows, look for the certification label of the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., the parent association of VWD. The "SPI" label is your assurance that the windows have been tested by an independent laboratory and found in compliance with all the provisions of the American Society of Testing and Materials. ■

Replace costly old patio doors

In addition to attractive views, there's nothing like a patio door for easy access to the outdoors for warm weather entertaining. Like vinyl windows, vinyl patio doors come in a variety of sizes to suit nearly all design and construction needs and are suitable for both remodeling and new construction.

The most common patio door consists of one stationary panel and one sliding panel.

In the case of remodeling, according to the Vinyl Window and Door Institute, a new patio door can be installed quickly and easily without re-framing or re-siding. Homeowners who plan to replace a patio door should contact a remodeling contractor who can handle the job in a minimum of time – with a minimum of fuss.

Energy conservation is assured by the materials used in manufacturing vinyl patio doors. The vinyl will not warp, swell or shrink, so a snug fit is assured no matter what the weather.

Heat loss through a patio door or window occurs by conduction and infiltration. Like windows, vinyl patio doors are precision-engineered to protect against conduction and infiltration.

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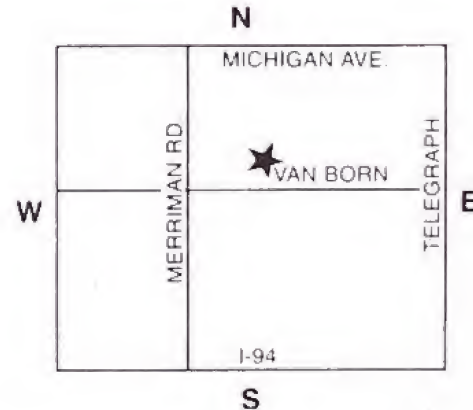
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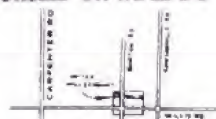
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How will his "inch" - the one you used to measure the length of that cabinet door you're making - compare to yours when he's not there to lend you his thumb instead of a hand? There should be a standard.

There is. No matter what your level of skill, from struggling beginner or advanced do-it-yourselfer, you need accurate rulers and tape just about every job you undertake. The experts at Lufkin, makers of rulers and tapes, suggest these "rules of thumb."

- Buy quality tapes and rulers. They're better made, meet stringent accuracy standards and will last longer.

- Take care of your tapes and rulers. Wipe them occasionally with an oil-impregnated cloth, especially after use on a wet day, to prevent rust and ensure trouble-free operation of both tape measures and rulers.

- After measuring with a power tape, clip it on your belt or tape holder. Don't lay it on the ground. It could pick up abrasive dirt.

As for how to use your ruler or tape more effectively, the Lufkin experts have these professional tips:

- Since professionals use both tapes and rulers, you should, too. Add a wood extension ruler, sometimes called a zig-zag, to your tool box. It's an excellent tool for inside measuring, such as a door opening. Good rulers are usually 6-feet long, with a 6-inch metal extension at the first and last legs of the ruler.

- When measuring a room 9-feet high, use a length of 1 by 3 or 2 by 4 as an extender.

After raising the "story pole" to the ceiling, mark the place where it meets the end of the 6-foot rule. Then, measure the distance between the mark and the end of the story pole. Add this measurement to the length of the 6-foot ruler to get to the floor to ceiling measurement.

A 46-inch reading on the pole added to the 72-inch length of the ruler, for example, gives you a floor-to-ceiling height of 118 inches.

- To determine whether the corners of a box are square, use a ruler or tape to measure diagonally from one corner to the other. Repeat with the two remaining corners. If the measurements are equal, the box is square. ■



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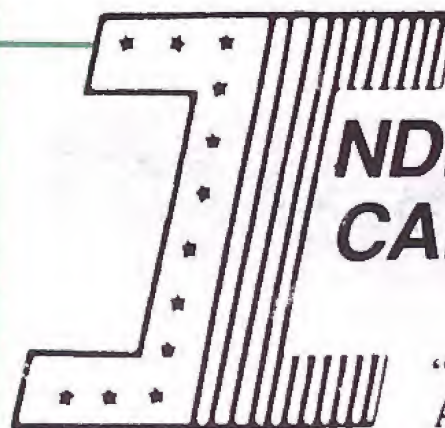
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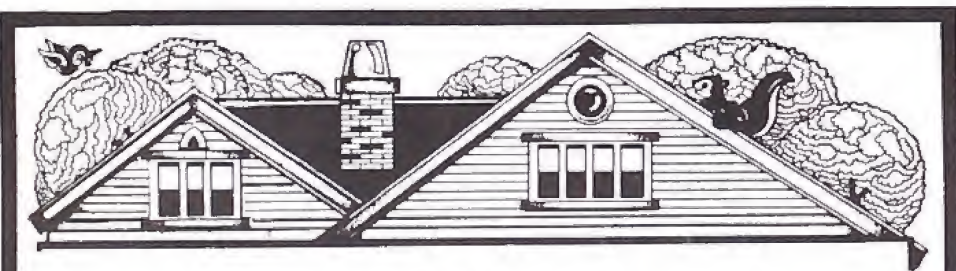
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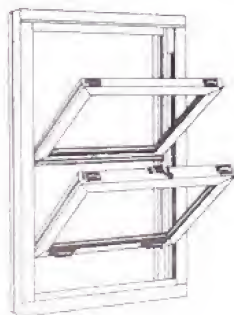
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Aging roofs needing a new shingle face lift

If it's been awhile since you've taken a look at your roof, now is a good time to do it. Sooner or later, every roof has to be replaced.

If it's old and worn out, patching it will only delay the inevitable. Roofs tend to wear uniformly. Even the best roofing eventually wears out because of weathering.

The sun, wind, rain, snow and variations in climate all take their toll. Some signs of a badly weathered roof include cracked, curled or missing shingles. The best way to discover if your roof needs replacing is to determine the age.

A roof of standard shingles 15 to 20 years old probably needs to be re-roofed.

An on-the-roof inspection by a professional roofing contractor is best, according to the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association. For a homeowner, it's better and safer to inspect the roof from the ground, using field glasses, if necessary, for a close-up view.

Getting on the roof to look it over can be dangerous and cause damage to shingles.

There are many roofing materials from which to choose, but fiber glass

or organic-based asphalt shingles are the most widely used in both reroofing and new-home construction. A new generation of multi-layered asphalt shingles - designed to last 25 years or more - are especially attractive. Those with a fiberglass base are growing in popularity and offer excellent durability - plus Class A fire protection.

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Remember that the cost of labor application is usually the same, regardless of the life expectancy of the roof. When estimating the annual cost of a new roof, add the cost of labor and materials. Then, divide the total by the design life of the shingle.

It may turn out that the costlier shingle is more economical because the cost of labor and material is amortized over a longer period of time.

For more information, write for a copy of A Homeowner's Guide to Quality Roofing, to ARMA, Box 3248, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163. ■



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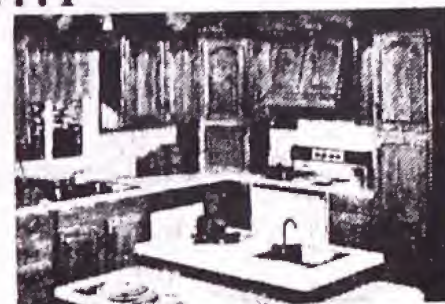
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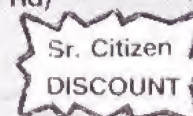
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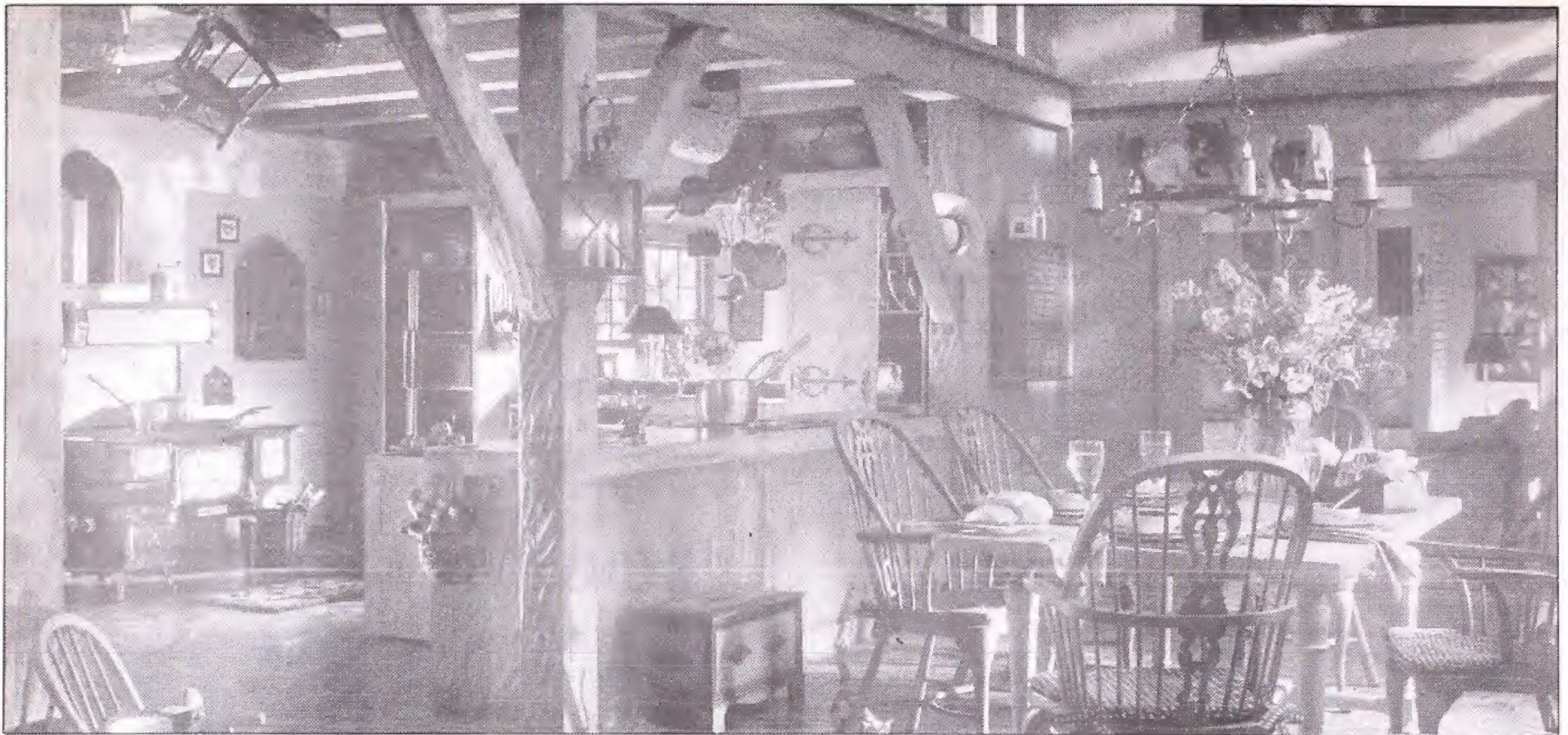
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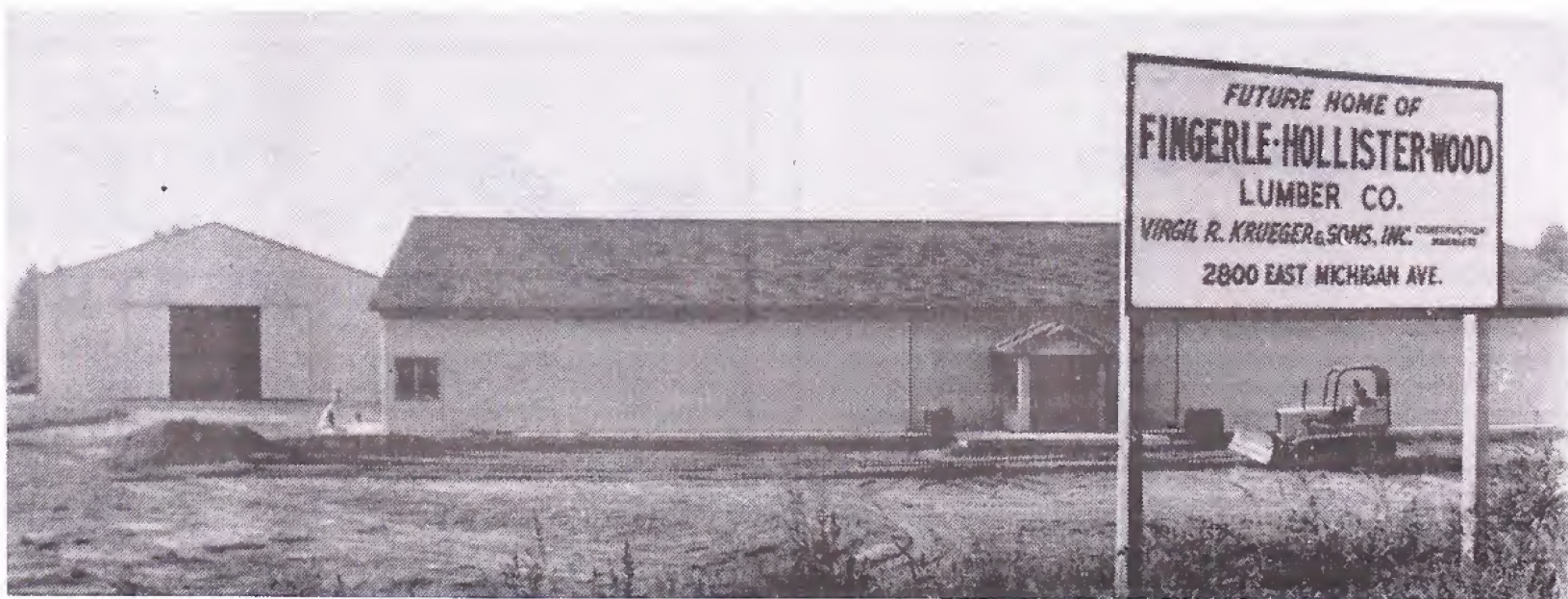




Suburban pioneers

In search of affordable living, people are pushing out ever farther from the cities. And, while most enjoy the comforts of a newly built house, many people are opting for the barn look to the interior of their homes. The barn-conversion plan, available from the Armstrong Interior Design Center, includes an old upstairs hayloft, a spacious kitchen suite (above) and a modified open-plan family room. The first rule of barn

conversion is to "save what you can," according to Armstrong officials. This includes massive rough-hewn beams, columns and posts and everything and anything that adds to the country charm. For more information on how to turn your modern home into a "suburban barn," write to: Armstrong World Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 3001, Lancaster, Pa. 17604. Special photo to ANP



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